

# **Rio Dell**

## **Nuisance Advisory Committee**



**August 21, 2019**  
**Rio Dell City Hall**  
**675 Wildwood Avenue**  
**Rio Dell, CA 95562**  
**3:00pm**

### **Nuisance Advisory Committee Representatives:**

#### **Membership:**

**City Council (1)**  
**City Council (2)**  
**Public Member (1)**  
**Public Member (2)**  
**City Manager**  
**Chief of Police**  
**Community Dev. Dir.**

City Council	Julie Woodall
City Council	Sue Strahan
Public	Alonzo Bradford
Public	Tim Marks
City Manager	Kyle Knopp
Chief of Police	Jeff Conner
Community Dev. Dir.	Kevin Caldwell
City Clerk	Karen Dunham

- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Introductions/Roll Call**
- 3. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair**
- 4. Public Presentations**
- 5. Review of Ordinance No. 376-2019 creating the Nuisance Advisory Committee, meeting date & time and current membership.**

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Review and discuss current Nuisance Advisory Committee Ordinance including the current roster of members and vacancies and the date and time of these meetings.

- a) City Council Agenda Item from June 18, 2019.

### **6. The Complaint Process**

Discussion on how complaints are currently received by the City and further discussion on how to improve this process.

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*The committee shall provide oversight and advice to the Code Compliance Manager and the Police Chief on priorities and courses of action. It shall meet once per month at a regularly scheduled time set by the City Manager."*

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Review of code enforcement software and its contents.	
a) THE ACTIVE LIST	
<b>9. Review of 2019 weed abatement letters and compliance.</b>	
<b>10. Discussion on applying for CDBG funds for enhanced code enforcement</b>	
<b>11. Plans moving forward, prioritization and Securing a Nuisance Hearing Officer.</b>	
<b>12. Member Reports</b>	
<b>13. Adjournment</b>	



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June 18, 2019

TO: Rio Dell City Council

FROM: Kyle Knopp, City Manager

SUBJECT: Conduct Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 376-2019 Amending Section 8.10 of the Rio Dell Municipal Code Creating the Nuisance Advisory Committee and Replacing the Nuisance Hearing Committee with a Nuisance Hearing Officer

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. Have staff introduce and conduct the second reading of Ordinance No. 376-2019 related to nuisances.
2. Open the public hearing, receive public input and deliberate.
3. Provide direction to staff, if any.
4. Adopt Ordinance No. 376-2019 amending the current Nuisance Hearing Committee Regulations, Chapter 2.55, Section 2.55.060 and the nuisance regulations, Chapter 8.10 of the Rio Dell Municipal Code.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

On April 16, 2019 the City Council of the City of Rio Dell identified Code Enforcement as its top priority for FY 2019-2020. The City Council of the City of Rio Dell met on May 7, 2019 to provide direction to staff on the nuisance process. During this meeting the Council gave direction to staff to return with language to create a neighborhood preservation committee or a nuisance advisory committee. The Chief of Police has drafted language for the Council's consideration.

On June 1<sup>st</sup> the Council held the first reading of this proposed ordinance and requested amendments be made in the ordinance such that the meeting would be regularly calendared and held monthly.

Committee composition:

- o Two members of the City Council
- o Chief of Police
- o City Manager

- Economic Development Director
- Two members of the public

Additionally, the Chief of Police is recommending that the current Nuisance Hearing Committee be dissolved and that all hearings be covered by a newly created Nuisance Hearing Officer, who would be a third party. Concern arose about having a hearing committee that was also composed of members of the City Council and/or staff who are also in charge of ultimately overseeing or enforcing code in the City. If approved, the City will begin the process to select a third party Hearing Officer.

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**ORDINANCE NO. 376-2019**



**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIO DELL  
AMENDING THE CURRENT NUISANCE HEARING COMMITTEE REGULATIONS,  
CHAPTER 2.55, SECTION 2.55.060 AND THE NUISANCE REGULATIONS, CHAPTER  
8.10 OF THE RIO DELL MUNICIPAL CODE:**

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIO DELL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

**WHEREAS** the City Council desires to amend the Nuisance Hearing Committee Regulations, Chapter 2.55.060 of the Rio Dell Municipal Code (RDMC); and

**WHEREAS** the purpose of amending Chapter 2.55.060 to be consistent with proposed changes to Chapter 8.10 of the Rio Dell Municipal Code (RDMC); and

**WHEREAS** the proposed amendments to Chapter 8.10 of the Rio Dell Municipal Code (RDMC) include eliminating the Nuisance Hearing Committee and establishing a Hearing Officer and a Nuisance Advisory Committee; and

**WHEREAS** staff has learned from conversations with other jurisdictions that Administrative Citations are very effective in abating nuisances; and

**WHEREAS** under the current provisions, when a complaint is made or a violation is identified, the City notifies the owner and or occupant by mail with a "Courtesy Letter" requesting that they contact the City typically within ten (10) days of receipt of the letter and informing us of their intentions; and

**WHEREAS** more times than not, the City does not hear from the owner or occupant. The City then sends a second letter requesting they contact the City within five (5) or ten (10) days, depending on the nature of the violation, of receipt of the letter and inform them that if they don't contact the City within the specified time period, the City will record a Notice of Violation. Again, many times the letters are ignored; and

**WHEREAS** staff believes that the Administrative Citation provisions will be more cost effective

and less time consuming in abating nuisances and code violations in that the Citation is issued and included with the first letter which will be hand delivered and sent Certified mail; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Rio Dell does hereby ordain as follows:

**Section 1.** Chapter 2.55 of the Rio Dell Municipal Code (RDMC) is hereby amended as follows:

2.55.060 Nuisance ~~Hearing~~ Advisory Committee.

~~Hearing Committee. The appeal shall be heard by a committee (the "Hearing Committee"). The Hearing Committee is responsible to hear appeals regarding the determination of a violation and nuisance or the imposition of an administrative penalty. The Hearing Committee shall consist of two Members of the City Council, two members of the public who are residents of the City and the City Manager, plus one alternate City Council Member to facilitate timely hearings pursuant to this ordinance and resolve any potential conflicts of interest. The alternate City Council Member shall only participate in appeals where one of the other two City Council Members is unable to serve due to scheduling concerns or a conflict of interest. City Council Members shall be selected to serve on the Hearing Committee at the same time that other committees are formed by the City Council. Public Members shall be appointed by a majority of the Council and serve two year staggered terms, ending on the last day of December. Committee members shall not participate in the hearing process in cases when the member has had a substantial personal involvement with the party requesting the hearing and that personal involvement is a conflict of interest. The Hearing Committee shall be advised by the City Attorney to ensure proper legal procedures are followed and adhered to.~~

Nuisance Advisory Committee. A committee made up of two members of the City Council, the City Manager, the Community Development Director, the Chief of Police and at least two and not more than four members of the public. The committee shall provide oversight and advice to the Code Compliance Manager and the Police Chief on priorities and courses of action. It shall meet once per month at a regularly scheduled time set by the City Manager.

**Section 2.** The Nuisance Regulations, Chapter 8.10 of the Rio Dell Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

## **Chapter 8.10**

### **NUISANCES**

#### **Article 1. Nuisances Generally**

##### **8.10.010 Application.**

The provisions of this chapter shall apply to all property throughout the City of Rio Dell wherein

any of the conditions, hereinafter specified, are found to exist; provided, however, that any condition which would constitute a violation of this chapter, but which is duly authorized under any other City, state or federal law, shall not be deemed to violate this chapter.

#### **8.10.020 Definitions.**

For the purposes of this chapter, the following words shall have the specified meanings:

**(A) Blight.** For purposes of this Code, visual blight is any unreasonable, non permitted or unlawful condition or use of real property, Premises or of building exteriors which by reason of its appearance as viewed from the public right-of-way, *is detrimental to the property of others or to the value of property of others, offensive to the senses, or reduces the aesthetic appearance of the neighborhood. Visual blight includes, but is not limited to, the keeping, storing, depositing, scattering over or accumulation on the Premises any of the following:*

- (1) Lumber, junk, trash, debris, scrap metal, rubbish, packing materials, building materials, and the growth of tall grass and weeds.
- (2) Abandoned, discarded or unused objects or equipment such as furniture, stoves, appliances, refrigerators, freezers, cans or containers, automotive parts and equipment.
- (3) Abandoned, wrecked, disabled, dismantled or inoperative vehicles or parts thereof except inoperative vehicles that are not abandoned and are in an active state of renovation or restoration. For purposes of this article, "active state of renovation or restoration" means that the vehicle is actively being restored or renovated in a manner intended to make the vehicle operational, and shall not include restoration or renovation that solely improves the interior or exterior appearance, but not the operation, of the vehicle. A vehicle shall only be permitted to be in an active state of renovation or restoration for a period that shall not exceed ninety days, whether consecutive or non-consecutive, out of any twelve month period.
- (4) Stagnant water or excavations.
- (5) Any personal property, object, device, decoration, design, fence, structure, clothesline, landscaping or vegetation which is unsightly by reason of its condition or its inappropriate location.
- (6) Vehicles parked on any surface other than an "improved surface" or "driveway" as those terms are defined.
- (7) Any condition of a building or structure deemed to be unsafe or that in the discretion of the City Manager or his/her designee, or the Department Head, would constitute a threat to public safety, health, or welfare, or poses a security problem by reason of dilapidation, fire hazard, disaster, damage or other similar occurrence



specified in this Code or any other applicable law.

(8) Any condition of a building or portion thereof which constitutes a substandard building, as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 17920.3 or its successor.

(9) Filling of any swimming pool with water prior to the final safety inspection required by the California Code of Regulations, conducted by City inspectors and before such final inspection has been noted on the permit card obtained from the City.

**(B) City.** The City of Rio Dell, a municipal corporation of the State of California.

**(C) City Council.** The duly elected City Council for the City of Rio Dell.

**(D) City Council Member.** Any currently seated member of the City Council for the City of Rio Dell.

**(E) City Manager.** The City Manager for the City of Rio Dell.

**(F) Code or City Code.** The "Code" shall mean the Municipal Code for the City of Rio Dell.

**(G) Code Compliance Administrator.** The City Manager and the authorized representative(s) of the City Manager.

**(H) Department Head.** The Police Chief, the City Manager, and the City Attorney, and their authorized representative(s).

**(I) Driveway.** An improved all weather, including gravel, decomposed granite, asphalt, concrete or comparable surface, access road from a private or public street onto a parcel.

**(J) Hearing Officer.** The Hearing Officer shall be an attorney appointed by the City Manager who is in good standing or otherwise capable of conducting the hearing.

~~(H)~~ **(K) Highway.** Any road, street, alley, way or place of whatever nature, publicly maintained and opened to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel. Highway includes City streets.

~~(K)~~ **(L) Improved Surface.** An improved all weather, including gravel, decomposed granite, asphalt, concrete or comparable surface.

~~(L)~~ **(M) Inoperative vehicle.** Any vehicle which cannot be legally operated on the street because of lack of current registration or, lack of an engine, transmission, wheels, tires, windshield or any other part or equipment necessary to operate on public streets and/or highways.

~~(M)~~ **(N) Junk.** Any cast-off, damaged, discarded, junked, obsolete, salvage, scrapped, unusable, worn-out or wrecked object, thing or material, including but not limited to those composed in whole or in part of asphalt, brick, carbon, cement, plastic or other synthetic substance, fiber, glass, plaster, plaster of paris, rubber, terra cotta, wool, cotton, cloth, canvas, wood, metal, sand, organic matter or other substance.

~~(N)~~ **(O) Junkyard.** Any Premises on which any junk is abandoned, bailed, bartered, bought, brought, bundled, deposited, disassembled, disposed of, exchanged, handled, kept, stored or transported, regardless of whether or not such activity is done for profit.

~~(O)~~ **(P) Notice and Order.** A Notice and Order is legal notice which details structural or technical Code violations such as illegal construction, conversions, alterations, illegal plumbing, mechanical or electrical installations, dangerous buildings, substandard housing or similar.

~~(P)~~ **(Q) Nuisance Advisory Committee.** A committee made up of two members of the City Council, the City Manager, the Community Development Director, the Chief of Police and at least two and not more than four members of the public. The committee shall provide oversight and advice to the Code Compliance Manager and the Police Chief on priorities and courses of action. It shall meet once per month at a regularly scheduled time set by the City Manager.

~~(Q)~~ **(R) Owner.** Owner of record of real property, occupant, lessee, or interested holder in same, as the case may be including the owner of real property whereon a vehicle(s) or part(s) thereof is located.

~~(R)~~ **(S) Person.** Any individual, group of individuals, firm, entity or corporation owning, occupying or using any Premises.

~~(S)~~ **(T) Planning Commission.** The Planning Commission for the City of Rio Dell.

~~(T)~~ **(U) Police Chief.** The Police Chief for the City of Rio Dell.

~~(U)~~ **(V) Premises.** Any real property or improvements thereon located in the City of Rio Dell.

~~(V)~~ **(W) Service Station.** Any Premises upon which the improvements are designed and built for the primary purpose of selling to or providing others with fuels for internal combustion engines or motor vehicles, whether or not providing related automotive maintenance and repair service.

~~(W)~~ **(X) Special Assessment Lien.** A special assessment lien is a lien placed on real property and is collected by the county tax assessor.

~~(X)~~ **(Y) Vehicle.** Any device by which any person or property may be propelled, moved, or drawn upon a highway, excepting a device moved exclusively by human power or used exclusively

upon stationary rails or tracks.

#### **8.10.030 Nuisances.**

It is hereby declared unlawful and a public nuisance per se for any person owning, leasing, occupying and/or having charge or possession of any Premises or land in this City to permit, allow, or maintain such Premises or land such that any one or more of the following conditions or activities exist:

- (A) Any condition recognized in law or equity as constituting a public nuisance including, without limitation, any condition on or use of property which would constitute a nuisance as defined in California Penal Code Sections 370, 371 and/or 11225;
- (B) Any dangerous, unsightly, or blighted condition that is detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of the public;
- (C) Any condition that is in violation of any duly enacted ordinance of the Rio Dell Municipal Code, or resolution or lawful order promulgated by authorized City officials;
- (D) Any condition in violation of Chapters 8, 15, and 17 of this Code, including any condition in violation of any written design finding, including design standard, design guideline, or development standard that may be adopted by resolution or ordinance from time to time by the City Council or the planning commission, or any condition imposed on any entitlement, permit, contract, or environmental document issued or approved by the City;
- (E) Any condition in violation of Chapter 8.25 of this Code entitled "Premises Used for Drug Related Activity."
- (F) Anything defined as a nuisance pursuant to state and federal law including but not limited to California Civil Code Section 3479 et seq.;
- (G) Any condition in violation of the weed and rubbish abatement laws defined at Government Code Sections 39501 et seq. and 39560 et seq. as enacted or hereafter amended and enforced by City ordinance and resolutions;
- (H) Any vacant, unoccupied or abandoned building or structure that is not reasonably secured against uninvited entry or that constitutes a fire hazard, or is in a state of unsightly or dangerous condition so as to constitute a blighted condition detrimental to property values in the neighborhood or otherwise detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the public;
- (I) Any condition that constitutes an attractive nuisance; those objects or conditions that, by their nature may attract children or other curious individuals including, but not limited to, unprotected hazardous or unfilled pools, ponds, including pools or ponds that have not been properly barricaded, ice boxes, refrigerators or excavations;

(J) Any condition that constitutes a visual Blight.

#### **8.10.040 Responsibility for Property Maintenance.**

(A) Every owner of real property within the City is required to maintain such property in a manner so as not to violate the provisions of this chapter and such owner remains liable for violations thereof regardless of any contract or agreement with any third party regarding such property.

(B) Every occupant, lessee, tenant or holder of any interest in property, other than as owner thereof, is required to maintain such property in the same manner as is required of the owner thereof, and the duty imposed on the owner thereof shall in no instance relieve those persons referred to from the similar duty.

### **Article 2. Enforcement**

#### **8.10.050 Authority.**

(A) The City Manager is hereby authorized to administer and enforce all of the provisions of this chapter. In accordance with approved procedures, the City Manager may assign said authority to Department Heads and/or employ qualified officers, inspectors, assistants, and other employees as shall be necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter. The authority of the City Manager to enforce the provisions of this chapter is independent of and in addition to the authority of other City officials to enforce the provisions of any other chapter of the City Code.

(B) Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Section 52, the procedures contained in this chapter are deemed to be equivalent for the purposes intended by, and may be used in lieu of, the regulations and procedures for abatement contained in Article 6 of Subchapter 1 of Chapter 1 of Division 1 of Title 25 of the California Code of Regulations which addresses mobile homes and parks.

(C) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to limit the authority of the Police Chief of the City to enforce all laws within the Police Chief's jurisdiction.

#### **8.10.060 Right of Entry.**

(A) Whenever it is necessary to make an inspection of any Premises to enforce the provisions of this chapter, and to the extent authorized by law, the Code Compliance Administrator or a Department Head authorized by the Code Compliance Administrator may enter on such Premises at all reasonable times to inspect the same or to perform any duty imposed upon him/her by this Code, subject to the requirements of Amendment IV of the United States Constitution and any other provisions of applicable law.



(B) Whenever practicable, the Code Compliance Administrator or the Department Head shall contact the occupant of such Premises 24 hours prior to entry and inform the occupant of the reasons for such entry onto such property, and if the occupant is other than the owner, the Code Compliance Administrator or the Department Head shall also, if practicable, contact such owner. This does not prevent entering the property within the 24 hours of notification with the owner or occupant's permission.

(C) If entry onto any Premises is denied by the owner or occupant of such Premises, or by any third party, the Code Compliance Administrator or authorized Department Head shall have recourse to every remedy provided by law to secure peaceable entry on such Premises to perform the duties required by this chapter.

#### **8.10.070 Violations and Penalties.**

(A) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, or other entity to violate any provision of this chapter. Any person, firm, corporation, or other entity, whether as owner, lessee, sub lesser, sub lessee, or occupant of any Premises that violates the provisions of this chapter or any order issued pursuant to this chapter shall be subject to any or all of the following:

(1) Such person shall be subject to **weed abatement**, summary or administrative abatement of the nuisance by the City, and be subject to **Administrative Citations**, fines, civil penalties, fees and costs, including reasonable attorney fees imposed by the City pursuant to the summary or administrative abatement procedures contained in the City Code or any other provisions of law;

(2) Such person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor for each day such violation continues, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished for each violation by a fine not to exceed **one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars**, or by imprisonment of not longer than six months, or both for each violation;

(3) Such person shall be prosecuted in a civil action, criminal action, or both brought by the City. The City Attorney or other authorized legal representative may bring an action in a court of competent jurisdiction to enjoin or prosecute any nuisance violation of this chapter, or violation of any other ordinance of the City;

(4) Each and every day that any such violation continues to exist shall constitute a continuing and separate offense.

(B) To address the variety of circumstances that may arise in conjunction with addressing violations of the Municipal Code of Rio Dell, including, but not limited to, nuisance regulations, such as difficult and/or recurrent cases, the following mechanisms shall facilitate a prompt and responsive code compliance program. The City Council finds that there is a need to establish several mechanisms, including fines.



(C) These provisions provides for administrative procedures and citations as provided in Government Code Section 53069.4.

(D) The remedies provided by these provisions are in addition to all other legal remedies, administrative, criminal and/or civil, which may be pursued by the City to address any violation of this Code.

(E) Use of these provisions shall be at the sole discretion of the City.

#### **8.10.080 Code Compliance Administrator Authority**

The Code Compliance Administrator has authority to issue administrative citations pursuant to these provisions.

#### **8.10.090 Administrative Citation.**

(A) Whenever an enforcement officer charged with the enforcement of any provision of this code determines that a violation has occurred, the enforcement officer may issue an Administrative Citation to any person responsible for the violation.

(B) Each Administrative Citation shall contain the following information:

- (1) The date of the violation;
- (2) The address or a definite description of the location where the violation occurred;
- (3) The section of this code violated and a description of the violation;
- (4) The amount of the fine for the code violation;
- (5) A description of the fine payment process, including a description of the time within which and the place to which the fine shall be paid;
- (6) An order prohibiting the continuation or repeated occurrence of the code violation described in the Administrative Citation;
- (7) An order to correct the code violation described in the Administrative Citation if said violation is correctable as described in Chapter 8.10;
- (8) A description of the Administrative Citation review process, including the time period within which the Administrative Citation may be contested and the place from which a request for hearing form to contest the Administrative Citation may be obtained and an advance deposit waiver; and

(9) The name and signature of the citing enforcement officer.

(C) In addition to the Administrative Citation and penalty authorized by this chapter, an order to correct a violation under subsection (b)(7) of this section may be enforced as set forth in the chapter applicable to that violation.

(D) In the case of a continuing violation pertaining to building, plumbing, electrical or other similar structural or zoning issue that in the opinion of the code compliance administrator or designee, does not create an immediate danger to health, safety or public welfare, a reasonable time, not to exceed one-hundred and twenty (120) days, shall be provided to remedy or correct the violation prior to imposition of fines or penalties. In determining what constitutes a reasonable time, the code compliance administrator may consider the estimate of local professionals including licensed contractors, but shall have sole discretion to make the final determination as to what the reasonable time shall be. In the case of such violations, the time within which the violation must be corrected, in order to avoid a fine, shall also be specified on the Administrative Citation.

#### **8.10.100 Amount of Fines.**

(A) The amounts of the fines for violations of the Rio Dell Municipal Code and local building and safety codes, including the California Building Code (CBC), California Residential Code (CRC), Section 17920.3 of the California Health and Safety Code, Uniform Housing Code (UHC) are imposed pursuant to Government Code Section 53069.4 and this chapter and shall be as follows:

(1) A fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for a first violation;

(2) A fine of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for a second violation of the same section of the Rio Dell Municipal Code within one (1) year of the first violation;

(3) A fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each additional violation of the same section of the Rio Dell Municipal Code within one (1) year of the first violation.

(B) A ten percent (10%) late payment fee shall be imposed on any fine which is not paid within thirty days of the issuance of the citation.

(C) The administrative fines outlined in this chapter are levied in addition to any recovery of costs outlined in this Chapter.

#### **8.10.110 Payment of Fines.**

(A) The fine shall be paid to the city within thirty (30) days from the date of the Administrative Citation.

(B) Payment of a fine under this chapter shall not excuse or discharge any continuation or repeated occurrence of the code violation that is the subject of the Administrative Citation.

#### **8.10.120 Hearing Request.**

Any recipient of an administrative citation may contest the existence of a violation of the code, that he or she is the responsible party, or any order issued under Section 8.10.090(B) pursuant to Section 8.10.270 of these regulations. Any person, corporation, or entity seeking to contest an Administrative Citation shall notify the City Clerk in writing on a form provided by the City of Rio Dell within twenty-one (21) days from the date the Administrative Citation was issued.

#### **8.10.130 Late Payment Charges.**

Any person who fails to pay to the City any fine imposed pursuant to the provisions of this chapter on or before the date that fine is due also shall be liable for the payment of any applicable late payment charges identified in Section 8.10.100(B), as well as interest at the legal rate.

#### **8.10.140 Recovery of Administrative Citation Fines and Costs.**

The City may collect any past due administrative citation fine or late payment charges by use of all available legal means, including, but not limited to, means available for the collection of judgments, liens and actions for recovery of money. The City also may recover its collection costs. Special assessment liens against property may only be applied when the administrative citation fine was issued for a violation directly connected to the property.

#### **8.10.150 Right to Judicial Review.**

Any person aggrieved by a final administrative decision issued pursuant to Section 8.10.270(E) of an administrative citation may obtain judicial review of the administrative decision by filing a petition seeking review in accordance with Government Code Section 53069.4.

#### **8.10.160 Notices.**

(A) Whenever a notice or report is required to be given or provided under this chapter, unless different provisions herein are otherwise specifically made, such notice may be given either by personal delivery thereof to the person to be notified or by First Class U.S. mail, postage prepaid with confirmation of delivery by the U.S. Postal Service, upon the record owner at the address as it appears on the latest equalized assessment roll of Humboldt County, and upon the occupant of the Premises, if any. If neither of these methods result in the notice being served upon the record owner and any occupants after reasonable attempts to serve, a copy of the notice shall be posted on the Premises.

(B) Failure to receive any notice specified in this chapter does not affect the validity of proceedings conducted hereunder.

(C) Proof of giving any notice may be made by the certificate of any officer or employee of the city, or by affidavit of any person over the age of eighteen years, which shows service in conformity with this code or other provisions of law applicable to the subject matter concerned.

#### **8.10.170 Additional Enforcement.**

Nothing in this chapter shall be deemed to prevent the City from commencement of any available administrative, civil and/or criminal proceeding to abate a nuisance pursuant to all applicable provisions of law as an alternative and/or in addition to any enforcement proceedings set forth in this chapter.

#### **8.10.180 Cumulative Remedies.**

The remedies set forth in this chapter include summary and administrative abatement, administrative citations, civil actions, criminal actions and all other remedies provided for by law. All remedies set forth in this chapter and in all City ordinances for the abatement or punishment of any violation thereof, are cumulative and may be pursued alternatively or in combination. Provisions of this Code are to be supplementary and complementary to all of the City ordinances, the Rio Dell Municipal Code, state law, and any law cognizable at common law or in equity, and nothing herein shall be read, interpreted or construed in any manner so as to limit any existing right or power of the City to abate any and all nuisances and to enforce its ordinances.

#### **8.10.190 Permits Required.**

When a permit is required to correct a Code violation pursuant to a Code compliance action, the property owner shall complete the permit, including all inspections, corrections, and work in accordance with a timeline established by the Code Compliance Administrator. In establishing the timeline the Code Compliance Administrator shall provide a time frame, which in his or her judgment, is reasonable to expeditiously complete the permit. Failure to strictly adhere to the established timeframe shall be deemed a continuing violation subject to the remedies established in this article. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to relieve the violator from payment of any and all costs incurred by the City in enforcing and/or causing the abatement of any violation of the City of Rio Dell Municipal Code.

### **Article 3. Weed Abatement**

#### **8.10.200 Weed Abatement.**

The City shall seek authority to abate/destroy weeds, dry grass, rubbish and other inflammable

material or vegetation 10 days from the delivery of the Administrative Citation and/or the Notice of Violation. The costs of such abatement, including administrative costs, shall be the responsibility of the property owner.

#### **Article 4. Summary Abatement**

##### **8.10.210 Summary Abatement.**

(A) The City may immediately abate any nuisance or violation of this chapter that poses a clear and imminent danger to, or requires immediate action to prevent or mitigate the loss or impairment of, life, health, property, or essential public services. The City may perform this abatement without providing prior notice or hearing to the owner or occupier of the offending Premises. Such summary abatement may proceed only upon the authorization of the City Manager and the City Attorney, or their respective designees. The abatement shall include all actions necessary to secure the Premises to prevent further occurrences of the nuisance.

(B) The owner and/or occupier of the Premises or the persons creating, causing, committing, or maintaining the nuisance shall be subject to any administrative fines, penalties, fees and costs, including reasonable attorney fees, imposed or incurred by the City pursuant to this chapter.

(C) Any abatement performed by the City pursuant to this section shall be at the expense of the owner and/or occupier of the Premises or the persons creating, causing, allowing, permitting, committing, or maintaining the nuisance. The City shall recover its expenses pursuant to the special assessment lien procedures contained in this Code or any other applicable provision of law.

(D) As soon as practicable following completion of the abatement, the Code Compliance Administrator or the Department Head shall issue a Notice of Violation and/or Notice and Order in accordance with this chapter. Persons receiving such notice shall be entitled to all hearing rights as provided herein.

(E) If a structure is deemed untenable pursuant to California Civil Code § 1941.1 and the Code Compliance Officer determines that the structure is in such a condition as to make it immediately dangerous to the health and safety of the occupants or public, it shall be ordered to be vacated and posted as unsafe.

#### **Article 5. Administrative Abatement**

##### **8.10.220 Commencement of Proceedings.**

(A) Whenever the Code Compliance Administrator or the Department Head has inspected or caused to be inspected any Premises or condition and has found and determined that such Premises or condition are in violation of this chapter, and that such violation does not pose an immediate danger to health or safety, the City Manager or his/her designee may commence



proceedings to cause abatement of the nuisance as provided herein. When the City Manager or his/her designee, or Department Head has found that a violation of this chapter poses an immediate danger to health or safety, the City Manager or his/her designee, or Department Head may pursue any remedies available under this chapter or by law, including, but not limited to, summary abatement or administrative citation.

(B) Once proceedings have been commenced pursuant to this chapter to declare a public nuisance, no Premises or building shall be deemed to be in compliance with this chapter solely because such building or Premises thereafter becomes occupied or unoccupied.

#### **8.10.230 Notice of Violation.**

(A) Upon determination by the Code Compliance Administrator or the Department Head that a premise is in violation of this chapter, and a Notice of Violation and/or a Notice and Order has not been issued against the same Premises, or the same property owner but at a different premise, address or location, within the City, within the last (12) twelve months, and that the violation does not create an immediate danger to health or safety, City Manager or his/her designee or the Department Head may issue a Notice of Violation to the owner of record of the Premises and to the occupant of the Premises, if any. The Notice of Violation shall contain:

- (1) The name and address of the person, firm, or corporation in violation, and the street address of the property where the violation is present;
- (2) A statement specifying the condition(s) which constitute a nuisance;
- (3) A statement explaining which specific Code sections has been violated;
- (4) The range of the administrative, civil and/or criminal actions and monetary penalties, as described herein, that the City may impose for such violations if not corrected;
- (5) An order to correct the violation within a date certain, said date which shall be specified on the notice of violation and determined by the specific violation; and
- (6) A statement informing the recipient of the name and office telephone number of the person to contact should the recipient desire to explain why he or she believes
  - (a) the Premises should not be declared to be a public nuisance and abated,
  - (b) penalties should not be assessed, and
  - (c) the costs of such abatement should not become a charge and lien against the Premises. The Department Head may rescind or modify the Notice of Violation based on substantive evidence presented by the recipient.

#### **8.10.240 Stop Work Order.**

If the violation is related to a permit, license or other approval of a project, the notice of violation may be accompanied by a stop work order which orders the recipient to stop immediately any and all work on the project that is subject to the permit, license or approval until the violation is corrected.

#### **8.10.250 Service of Notice of Violation.**

A copy of the notice of violation, and any amended or supplemental notices, shall be served either by personal delivery or by First Class U.S. mail, postage prepaid with confirmation of delivery by the U.S. Postal Service, upon the record owner at the address as it appears on the latest equalized assessment roll of Humboldt County, and upon the occupant of the Premises, if any. If neither of these methods result in the notice being served upon the record owner and any occupants after reasonable attempts to serve, a copy of the notice shall be posted on the Premises.

#### **8.10.260 Notice and Order—Structural and Technical**

Notice and Orders are primarily used for structural or technical Code violations such as illegal construction, conversions, alterations, illegal plumbing, mechanical or electrical installations, dangerous buildings, substandard housing or similar. When issued, the violation must be remedied in thirty calendar days, unless there is an immediate danger risk. If there is an eminent threat of danger the violation must be remedied immediately.

**(A) Grounds for Issuance.** A Notice and Order may be issued under any of the following circumstances:

- (1) When a Notice of Violation has been served, and the specified time has passed without adequate correction and abatement of the violation;
- (2) When a stop work order has been issued but has not been complied with;
- (3) When the City has performed a summary abatement pursuant to this chapter;
- (4) When the same type or character of violation has been committed by the same person, or on the same Premises, or a notice of violation, an administrative citation, or a Notice and Order has been served on the same person, or on the same Premises, within the past twelve months.

**(B) Contents of Notice and Order.** A Notice and Order shall contain the following:

- (1) The name and address of the person, corporation, or entity in violation, and the street address of the property where the violation is present;

- (2) A statement specifying the condition(s) which constitute a violation and nuisance;
- (3) A statement explaining which specific Code section(s) have been violated;
- (4) A statement informing the recipient of the number of days from the date of the Notice and Order the recipient has to voluntarily abate the violation and nuisance;
- (5) A statement informing the recipient of his or her right to appeal the determination to a hearing officer by filing with the City Clerk within twenty-one (21) calendar days from the date of the Notice and Order, and on a form available from the City of Rio Dell, a written statement requesting a hearing and providing a factual and specific explanation of:
  - (a) why the Premises should not be declared to be a public nuisance and abated; and
  - (b) why the costs of such abatement should not become a special assessment lien against the Premises;
- (6) A statement informing the recipient of the Notice that there is a fee, which is set by resolution by the City Council of the City of Rio Dell that must be deposited at the time an appeal is filed.
- (7) A statement that if the person, corporation or entity fails to abate the violation and nuisance or fails to file within ~~ten~~ twenty-one (21) calendar days, a request for an appeal hearing, the Notice and Order shall be final and not subject to judicial review, and all persons served with such notice shall be deemed to have consented to the abatement of the nuisance and that, at the election of the City, the City will abate the nuisance and the costs of such abatement may be charged against the Premises and may be recorded as a special assessment lien against the Premises.
- (8) A statement regarding the range of the administrative, civil and/or criminal actions and monetary penalties, as described herein, that the City may impose for such violations if not corrected;
- (9) A statement regarding the failure to obey order and abatement by the City or private contractor, including the City to obtain a warrant if required to enter upon the Premises for the purpose of abating the nuisance.
- (10) A statement regarding the costs of abatement and that such person or persons who fail to abate the nuisance shall be liable to the City for any and all costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees, to the City involved in abating the nuisance.
- (11) A statement regarding the procedure for assessing the costs for the abatement: If

the person or persons liable to pay the costs of abatement fails to do so within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving the statement of such costs, the City may initiate proceedings to have such costs assessed against the real property or Premises on which the City abated the nuisance. Such proceedings and notice of such proceedings shall be performed in accordance with Section 54954.6 of the California Government Code. The costs of abatement shall be treated as a new assessment for purposes of Section 54954.6. No majority protest rights exist for this assessment. City staff shall present to the City Council a report of costs for abating the nuisance at the public meeting required by Section 54954.6.

(12) A statement regarding the total cost for abating a nuisance shall constitute a special assessment against the Premises to which it relates, and upon recordation in the office of the county recorder of a notice of lien, shall constitute a lien on the property for the amount of such assessment. The procedure for collecting abatement costs through a special assessment lien shall be in accordance with California Government Code Section 38773.5.

After such recordation, a copy of the lien shall be turned over to the county assessor, who shall then enter the amount of the lien on the assessment rolls as a special assessment. Thereafter, said amount shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner as ordinary municipal taxes are collected, and shall be subject to the same penalties and the same procedure under foreclosure and sale in case of delinquency as provided by Government Code Section 38773.5 and as provided for ordinary municipal taxes.

(13) A statement informing the recipient of the names or names and phone numbers of the person to contact at the City should they have any questions regarding the process.

**(C) Service of Notice and Order.**

(1) Persons Entitled to Service. The Notice and Order shall be served upon the owner of the Premises, any occupants of the Premises, and any other person, corporation, or entity in violation. If the City proposes to impose a special assessment lien on the property, the City official issuing the Notice and Order shall also serve one copy on each of the following if known or disclosed from official public records:

(a) the holder of any mortgage, deed of trust, or other encumbrance of record;  
and

(b) the owner or holder of any lease of record. The failure of the City official issuing the order to serve any person required to be served shall not invalidate any proceedings under this chapter or relieve any person who was duly served from any duty or obligation imposed on him/her by the provisions of this section.

(2) **Method of Service.** Unless otherwise provided in this section, service of a Notice and Order shall be made by personal service or by First Class U.S. mail, postage prepaid with confirmation of delivery by the U.S. Postal Service. Service on any property owner in violation is deemed complete when it is served or delivered at the address listed by the property owner on the latest equalized assessment roll of Humboldt County, or as known to the City official issuing the order. If personal service or service by mail with confirmation of delivery is not reasonably feasible, service of the Notice and Order may be made by posting the notice on the subject Premises and sending a copy by regular United States mail service. Service posting in the manner herein provided shall be effective on the date of posting. As an alternative, substituted service of the Notice and Order may be made as follows:

(a) (i) By leaving a copy during usual business hours at the recipient's business with the person who is apparently in charge, and then mailing a copy by first-class mail to the recipient at the address where the copy was left; or

(ii) By leaving a copy at the recipient's dwelling or usual place of abode, in the presence of a competent member of the household, and then mailing a copy by first-class mail to the recipient at the address where the copy was left.

(b) If the party entitled to service has a property manager or rental agency overseeing the Premises, substituted service may be made as set forth in above upon the property manager or rental agency.

(c) Substituted service may be made by posting the Notice and Order on the Premises and mailing a copy of the Notice and Order to the person, corporation, or entity in violation at the address of the property on which the violation has occurred or is occurring.

(d) If the person, corporation, or entity in violation or other person entitled to service cannot be located or service cannot be made as set forth in this section, service may be made by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in Humboldt County. Service shall be deemed sufficient when it is accomplished pursuant to Government Code Section 6063.

**(D) Record.** Preparation of a record of the proceeding shall be governed by California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6, as presently written or hereinafter amended.

#### **8.10.270 Appeal Hearing—Administrative Citations & Notice and Order.**

**(A) Payment of Appeal Fee.** Any person, corporation, or entity seeking to appeal an Administrative Citation shall submit an advance deposit of the fine(s). No appeal request is



valid unless accompanied by the advance deposit of the fine(s) or a City hardship. If it is determined that the Administrative Citation was not warranted or the responsibility of the citant(s) the advance deposit of the fine shall be returned.

Any person, corporation, or entity seeking to appeal ~~or~~ a Notice and Order shall be required to pay to the City, at the time the appeal is requested (within twenty-one (21) days from the date of the Notice and Order), a nonrefundable appeal fee to be set by resolution of the City Council. The appeal fee is intended to cover the costs, expenses, and City employees' time incurred by the City in processing, preparing for, and hearing of the appeal. No appeal request is valid unless accompanied by the appeal fee or a City hardship waiver is granted.

(1) **Hardship Waiver.** The appealing party shall complete and request a waiver on a form provided by the City. If the appealing party establishes to the satisfaction of the City Manager or designee, by means of tax returns, pay stubs or other similar documentary evidence, and submits a declaration under penalty of perjury that paying the appeal fee or the advance deposit of an administrative citation fine would cause undue financial hardship to the appealing party the City Manager may grant a waiver of the appeal fee or the advance deposit of any fine(s). The City Manager's determination is not appealable and shall be final as to the hardship waiver request. If the City determines not to approve a request for a waiver, the appealing party must remit the appeal fee or advance deposit to the City within ten (10) days of the date of that decision or thirty (30) days from the date of the administrative citation, whichever is later. If you do not do so you will not be entitled to a hearing.

~~(B) **Hearing Committee Officer.** The appeal shall be heard by a committee (the "Hearing Committee"). The Hearing Committee shall consist of two Members of the City Council and the City Manager, plus one alternate City Council Member to facilitate timely hearings pursuant to this ordinance and resolve any potential conflicts of interest. The alternate City Council Member shall only participate in appeals where one of the other two City Council Members is unable to serve due to scheduling concerns or a conflict of interest. City Council Members shall be selected to serve on the Hearing Committee at the same time that other committees are formed by the City Council. Committee members shall not participate in the hearing process in cases when the member has had a substantial personal involvement with the party requesting the hearing and that personal involvement is a conflict of interest. The Hearing Committee shall be advised by the City Attorney to ensure proper legal procedures are followed and adhered to.~~  
The appeal shall be heard by a hearing officer who has a contract with the City to perform such a role. He or she shall be an attorney in good standing or otherwise capable of conducting the hearing.

**(C) Setting Appeal Hearing.** The appeal hearing shall be set by the City Manager or his or her designee, and notice of the appeal hearing shall be sent to the appellant by first class mail at the address provided with the written appeal request. The appeal hearing shall be set for a date no sooner than fifteen (15) days and not more than 30 days following a request for an appeal hearing. Notice of the appeal hearing shall be mailed at least ten (10) days before the date set

for hearing.

**(D) Conduct of Appeal Hearing.**

(1) Testimony at the Hearing. At the time set for the appeal hearing, the Hearing ~~Committee~~ Officer shall proceed to hear testimony from the representative of the City, the appellant, and any other competent persons with respect to the determination of a violation and nuisance or the imposition of an administrative penalty.

(2) Record of Oral Evidence at Hearing. The proceedings at the hearing shall be reported by a tape recording, or video recording. Either party may provide a certified shorthand reporter to maintain a record of the proceedings at the requesting party's own expense.

(3) Continuances. The Hearing ~~Committee~~ Officer may, upon request of the person, corporation, or entity against whom a penalty is to be imposed, or upon request of the City, grant continuances from time to time for extreme or unusual cause shown, or upon the Hearing Committee's own motion.

(4) Oaths; Certification. The ~~City Clerk or certified shorthand reporter~~ Officer shall administer the oath or affirmation.

(5) Evidence Rules. Government Code Section 11513, subsections (a), (b), and (c) shall apply to all administrative hearings. At the Hearing ~~Committee's~~ Officer sole discretion, other relevant evidence may be admissible and hearsay evidence may be used for the purpose of supplementing and explaining other evidence.

(6) Burden of Proof. The accuracy of an Administrative Citation and the accuracy of a Notice and Order containing the description of the violations and/or public nuisance and the actions required to abate such nuisance or violation is deemed a rebuttable presumption and the burden is on the appellant to provide such facts and information to overcome such presumption by a preponderance of the evidence.

**(7) Rights of Parties.**

(a) Each party shall have the following rights among others:

(i) To call and examine witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues of the hearing;

(ii) To introduce documentary and physical evidence;

(iii) To cross-examine opposing witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues of the hearing;

(iv) To impeach any witness regardless of which party first called that witness to testify;

(v) To rebut the evidence against him or her;

(vi) To represent himself or herself or to be represented by anyone of his or her choice.

(b) If a party does not proficiently speak or understand the English language, that party may provide an interpreter, at that party's own cost, to translate for the party. An interpreter shall not have been a resident of the Premises or have had any personal relationship with or involvement in the parties or issues of the case prior to the hearing.

(8) Official Notice. In reaching a decision, the Hearing Committee Officer may take official notice, either before or after submission of the case for decision, of any fact which may be judicially noticed by the courts of this state or which may appear in any of the official records of the City or county, or any of their departments.

(9) Inspection of the Premises.

(a) The hearing officer may inspect the Premises involved in the hearing prior to, during, or after the hearing, provided that:

(i) Notice of such inspection shall be given to the parties before the inspection is made;

(ii) The parties consent and are given an opportunity to be present during the inspection; and

(iii) The hearing officer shall state for the record during the hearing, or file a written statement after the hearing for inclusion in the hearing record, upon completion of the inspection, the material facts observed and the conclusions drawn there from.

(b) Each party shall then have a right to rebut or explain the matters so stated by the hearing officer either for the record during the hearing or by filing a written statement after the hearing for inclusion in the hearing record.

(c) Notice to the parties or the owner(s)' consent to inspect the building and surrounding properties is not required if the property can be inspected from areas in which the general public has access or with permission of the other persons authorized to provide access to the property on which the building is located.



**(E) Form and Contents of the Decision; Finality of Decision.**

(1) Format of the Hearing Committee's Officer's Decision. The Hearing Committee Officer shall issue a written decision containing findings of fact and a determination of the issues presented. The Hearing Committee Officer may affirm, modify or reverse the Administrative Citation, Notice of Violation or the Notice and Order imposed by the City or find that the imposition of the penalty is not warranted or is not in the interest of justice.

(2) Contents of the Hearing Committee's Officer Decision. If it is shown by a preponderance of all the evidence that the condition of the Premises constitutes a violation of the Rio Dell Municipal Code or is a public nuisance as defined in this chapter, the decision shall declare the Premises to be a public nuisance and shall order and require the appellant to abate the nuisance not later than ten (10) calendar days after the issuance of the decision or, if ten (10) calendar days is insufficient to abate the nuisance, within such other time as specified by the Hearing Committee not to exceed sixty (60) days. The decision shall inform the appellant that if the nuisance is not abated within the time specified, the nuisance may be abated by the City in such manner as may be ordered by the Department Head and the expense thereof made a special assessment lien upon the property involved. This is in addition to any other legal remedies that the City may choose to compel compliance.

(3) Service of the Hearing Committee's Officer's Decision. Upon issuance of the decision, the City shall serve a copy on the appellant by first class mail to the address provided by appellant in the written notice of appeal. The Hearing Committee's Officer's decision shall be deemed served three days after the date it is mailed to the address provided by the appellant.

(4) Finality of Hearing Committee's Officer's Decision. The decision of the Hearing Committee's Officer's on an appeal of an Administrative Citation, Notice of Violation and or a Notice and Order shall constitute the final administrative decision of the City and shall not be appealable to the City Council or any committee or commission of the City.

**Article 6. Enforcement of Hearing Committee Order**

**8.10.280 Generally**

After any Administrative Citation and/or Notice of Violation or any decision of a Hearing Committee Officer made pursuant to this chapter has become final, no person to whom any such order is directed shall fail, neglect or refuse to obey such order.

#### **8.10.290 Failure to Obey Order—Abatement by City.**

(A) If, after any ~~a~~Notice of ~~v~~Violation or any order of ~~a~~ the Hearing ~~Committee~~ Officer made pursuant to this chapter has become final, the person to whom such order is directed shall fail, neglect or refuse to obey such order, the Department Head is authorized and directed to cause the nuisance to be abated by City personnel or private contract. In furtherance of this section, the Department Head shall obtain a warrant, if required, and thereafter is expressly authorized to enter upon the Premises for the purpose of abating the nuisance.

(B) Additionally, any person who fails to obey such order shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable as specified in Section 8.10.070(a)(2) of this chapter.

#### **8.10.300 Interference with Work Prohibited.**

No person shall obstruct, impede or interfere with any officer, employee, contractor or authorized representative of the City, or with any person who owns or holds any estate or interest in any Premises on which a nuisance exists and which must be abated under the provisions of this chapter, whenever such officer, employee, contractor or authorized representative of the City, or person having an interest or estate in such Premises is engaged in the work of abating any nuisance as required by the provisions of this chapter, or in performing any necessary act preliminary to or incidental to such work authorized or directed pursuant to this chapter.

#### **8.10.310 Costs of Abatement.**

(A) The Department Head shall keep an account of the costs and expenses of abating such nuisance, and the City shall render a statement of such costs to the person or persons receiving the notice to abate.

(B) Such person or persons receiving the notice of violation or decision of the hearing officer shall be liable to the City for any and all costs and expenses to the City involved in abating the nuisance. Such costs and expenses are due upon receipt of the statement required in subsection (A) of this section.

(C) Costs and expenses as referred to in this section shall include all costs allowed to be recovered by law, including attorneys' fees as allowed by Government Code Section 38773.5 or its successor.

#### **8.10.320 Procedure for Assessing Costs.**

If the person liable to pay the costs of abatement fails to do so within thirty calendar days of receiving the statement of such costs, the City may initiate proceedings to have such costs assessed against the real property or Premises on which the City abated the nuisance. Such proceedings and notice of such proceedings shall be performed in accordance with Section

54954.6 of the California Government Code. The costs of abatement shall be treated as a new assessment for purposes of Section 54954.6. No majority protest rights exist for this assessment. The Department Head shall present to the City Council a report of costs for abating the nuisance at the public meeting required by Section 54954.6.

#### **8.10.330 Assessment of Costs—Special Assessment Lien Against Property.**

(A) The total cost for abating a nuisance shall constitute a special assessment against the Premises to which it relates, and upon recordation in the office of the county recorder of a notice of lien, shall constitute a lien on the property for the amount of such assessment. The procedure for collecting abatement costs through a special assessment lien shall be in accordance with California Government Code Section 38773.5.

(B) After such recordation, a copy of the lien shall be turned over to the county assessor, who shall then enter the amount of the lien on the assessment rolls as a special assessment. Thereafter, said amount shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner as ordinary municipal taxes are collected, and shall be subject to the same penalties and the same procedure under foreclosure and sale in case of delinquency as provided by Government Code Section 38773.5 and as provided for ordinary municipal taxes.

### **Article 7. Additional Provisions Governing Abatement of Vehicles**

#### **8.10.340 Application of Article.**

The requirements of this article apply to any action taken under this chapter to abate as a public nuisance an abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicle or parts thereof from private or public property.

#### **8.10.350 Exemptions.**

(A) This article shall not apply to:

- (1) A vehicle, or part thereof, that is completely enclosed within a building in a lawful manner where it is not visible from the street or other public or private property; or
- (2) A vehicle, or part thereof, that is stored or parked in a lawful manner on private property in connection with the business of a licensed dismantler, licensed vehicle dealer, or a junkyard.

(B) Nothing in this section shall authorize the maintenance of a public or private nuisance as defined under provisions of a law other than Chapter 10, commencing with Section 22650, of Division 11 of the California Vehicle Code and this article.



#### **8.10.360 Article Not Exclusive Regulation.**

This article is not the exclusive regulation of abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicles within the City. It shall supplement and be in addition to the other regulatory Codes, statutes and ordinances heretofore or hereafter enacted by the City, the state or any legal entity or agency having jurisdiction.

#### **8.10.370. Persons Granted Franchise or Contract—Right of Entry.**

When the City has contracted with or granted a franchise to any person or persons, such person or persons shall be authorized to enter upon private or public property to remove or cause the removal of a vehicle or parts thereof declared to be a nuisance pursuant to this article.

#### **8.10.380. Assessment of Administrative Costs Determination.**

Administrative costs incurred by the City under this article shall be assessed pursuant to Article 8.10.320 of this chapter.

#### **8.10.390. Abatement and Removal Authority.**

Upon discovering the existence of an abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicle, or parts thereof, on private property or public property within the City, the Department Head shall have the authority to cause the abatement and removal thereof in accordance with the procedure prescribed in this chapter.

#### **8.10.400. Notice of Violation for Abandoned or Inoperable Vehicles.**

A notice of violation to abate and remove a vehicle or parts thereof as a public nuisance, as provided by Section 8.10.230, shall be served by registered or certified mail on the owner of the land as shown on the last equalized assessment roll and the owner of record of the vehicle, unless the vehicle is in such condition that identification numbers are not available to determine ownership. The notice of violation shall comply with Section 8.10.230, and also shall be in substantially the following forms:

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ABATE AND  
REMOVE AN ABANDONED, WRECKED,  
DISMANTLED, OR INOPERATIVE  
VEHICLE OR PARTS THEREOF AS  
A PUBLIC NUISANCE**

(Name and address of owner or land)

As owner shown on the last equalized assessment roll of the land located at (address), you are hereby notified that the undersigned, pursuant to Rio Dell Municipal Code Chapter 8.15 has determined that there exists upon your land an abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicle (or parts thereof) registered to \_\_\_\_\_, license number \_\_\_\_\_, which constitutes a public nuisance pursuant to provisions of Chapter 8.10. You are hereby notified to abate the nuisance by removing the vehicle (or parts of the vehicle) within ten (10) days from the date of mailing of this notice. If you fail to remove the vehicle or parts within ten (10) days, the City will abate the nuisance by removing the vehicle or parts to a scrap yard or automobile dismantler's yard, after which the vehicle or parts shall not again be made operable or reconstructed.

Removal costs and administrative costs will then be assessed to you as owner of the land on which the vehicle or parts are located. As owner of the land on which the vehicle or parts of the vehicle are located, you are hereby notified that you may, within ten (10) days after the mailing of this notice, request a public hearing. If such a request is not received by the Department Head within the ten (10) day period, the Department Head shall have the authority to abate and remove the vehicle or parts of the vehicle as a public nuisance and assess the removal and administrative costs without a public hearing. You may submit a sworn written statement within such ten (10) day period denying responsibility for the presence of the vehicle or parts of the vehicle on your land, with your reasons for denial. Such statement shall be construed as a request for hearing at which your presence is not required.

You may appear in person at the hearing requested by you or the owner of the vehicle or, in lieu thereof, may present a sworn written statement in time for consideration at the hearing. You may, through such sworn written statement deny responsibility for the presence of the vehicle or parts on your land with your reasons for denial.

Notice mailed \_\_\_\_\_ (date) [Department Head]

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ABATE AND  
REMOVE AN ABANDONED, WRECKED,  
DISMANTLED OR INOPERATIVE  
VEHICLE OR PARTS THEREOF AS  
A PUBLIC NUISANCE**

(Name and address of last registered and/or legal owner of record of vehicle—Notice should be given to both if different)

As the last registered (and/or legal) owner of record of (description of vehicle - make, model, license, etc) you are hereby notified that the undersigned pursuant to Rio Dell Municipal Code Chapter 8.15, has determined that the vehicle (or parts of the vehicle) exist as an abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperative vehicle at (describe location on public or private property) and constitutes a public nuisance pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 8.15.

You are hereby notified to abate the nuisance by removing the vehicle or parts of the vehicle within ten (10) days from the date of mailing of this notice. If you fail to remove the vehicle or parts within ten (10) days, the City will abate the nuisance by removing the vehicle or parts to a scrap yard or automobile dismantler's yard.

Removal costs and administrative costs will then be assessed to you as owner of the land on which the vehicle or parts are located. As registered (and/or legal) owner of record of the vehicle (or parts of the vehicle), you are hereby notified that you may, within ten (10) days after mailing of this notice, request a public hearing. If such a request is not received by the Department Head within the ten (10) day period, the Department Head shall have the authority to abate and remove the vehicle or parts of the vehicle without hearing.

Notice mailed \_\_\_\_\_ (date) [Department Head]

**8.10.410. Hearing—Generally.**

Upon request by the owner of the vehicle or owner of the land received by the Department Head within ten days after the mailing of the notices of intention to abate and remove, a public hearing shall be held in accordance with Section 8.10.270 on the question of abatement and removal of the vehicle or parts thereof as an abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicle, and the assessment of the administrative costs and the cost of removal of the vehicle or parts thereof against the property on which it is located.

The owner of the land on which the vehicle is located may appear in person at the hearing or may present a sworn written statement denying responsibility for the presence of the vehicle on the land, with his or her reasons for the denial. If it is determined at the hearing that the vehicle was placed on the land without the consent of the landowner and that the landowner has not subsequently acquiesced to its presence, then the City shall not assess costs of administration or removal of the vehicle against the property upon which the vehicle is located

or otherwise attempt to collect those costs from the landowner, if the vehicle has been removed from the property

#### **8.10.420 Hearing—Presence of Owner Not Required—Abatement Without Hearing.**

If the owner of the land submits a sworn written statement denying responsibility for the presence of the vehicle on his or her land within ten days after the mailing of the notice of violation to abate and remove, the statement shall be construed as a request for a hearing that does not require the owner's presence. If such a request for hearing is not received within the ten days after mailing of the notice of intention to abate and remove, the City shall have the authority to abate and remove the vehicle or parts thereof as a public nuisance without holding a public hearing.

#### **8.10.430 Order Requiring Removal.**

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Hearing ~~Committee~~ Officer may find that a vehicle or parts thereof has been abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or is inoperative on private or public property and order the same removed from the property as a public nuisance and disposed of as provided in this article and determine the administrative costs and the cost of removal to be charged against the owner of the land. The order requiring removal shall include a description of the vehicle or parts thereof and the correct identification number and license number of the vehicle, if available at the site.

#### **8.10.440 Hearing—Non-assessment of Costs.**

If it is determined at the hearing that the vehicle was placed on the land without consent of the owner of the land and that he or she has not subsequently acquiesced in its presence, the Hearing ~~Committee~~ Officer shall not assess the costs of administration or removal of the vehicle against the property upon which the vehicle is located or otherwise attempt to collect such costs from such owner of the land.

#### **8.10.450 Hearing—Notification of Decision.**

If the owner of the land submits a sworn written statement denying responsibility for the presence of the vehicle on his or her land but does not appear, or if an interested party makes a written presentation to the hearing officer but does not appear, he or she shall be notified in writing of the decision.

#### **8.10.460 Removal—When**

Once the decision of the Hearing ~~Committee~~ Officer becomes final, the vehicle or parts thereof found to be a public nuisance may be disposed of by removal to a scrap yard or automobile dismantler's yard ten calendar days after adoption of the order declaring the vehicle or parts thereof to be public nuisance.

**8.10.470 Removal—Notice to Department of Motor Vehicles.**

Within five days after the date of removal of the vehicle or parts thereof, notice shall be given to the Department of Motor Vehicles identifying the vehicle or parts thereof removed. At the same time there shall be transmitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles any evidence or registration available, including registration certificates, certificates of title and license plates.

**8.10.480 Removal—Costs—Assessment—Collection.**

If the administrative costs and the cost of removal which are charged against the owner of the land pursuant to Section 8.10.380 are not paid within thirty (30) days of the date of the order, such costs shall be assessed against the parcel of land pursuant to Section 38773.5 of the Government Code and shall be transmitted to the assessor for placement on the property tax roll and collected by the tax collector. The assessment shall have the same priority as other City taxes.

**Section 3. Severability**

If any provision of the ordinance is invalidated by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect.

**Section 4. Limitation of Actions**

Any action to challenge the validity or legality of any provision of this ordinance on any grounds shall be brought by court action commenced within ninety (90) days of the date of adoption of this ordinance.

**Section 5. Effective Date**

This ordinance becomes effective thirty (30) days after the date of its approval and adoption.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the forgoing Ordinance was duly introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Rio Dell on June 4, 2019 and furthermore the forgoing Ordinance was passed, approved and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Rio Dell, held on the June 18, 2019 by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

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Debra Garnes, Mayor

ATTEST:



I, Karen Dunham, City Clerk for the City of Rio Dell, State of California, hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 376-2019 adopted by the City Council of the City of Rio Dell on June 18, 2019.

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Karen Dunham, City Clerk, City of Rio Dell

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# PREFACE

## Introduction

Internationally, code officials recognize the need for a modern, up-to-date property maintenance code governing the maintenance of existing buildings. The *International Property Maintenance Code*®, in this 2015 edition, is designed to meet this need through model code regulations that contain clear and specific property maintenance requirements with required property improvement provisions.

This 2015 edition is fully compatible with all of the *International Codes*® (I-Codes®) published by the International Code Council (ICC)®, including the *International Building Code*®, *International Energy Conservation Code*®, *International Existing Building Code*®, *International Fire Code*®, *International Fuel Gas Code*®, *International Green Construction Code*®, *International Mechanical Code*®, *ICC Performance Code*®, *International Plumbing Code*®, *International Private Sewage Disposal Code*®, *International Residential Code*®, *International Swimming Pool and Spa Code*™, *International Wildland-Urban Interface Code*® and *International Zoning Code*®.

The *International Property Maintenance Code* requirements provide many benefits, among which is the model code development process that offers an international forum for code officials and other interested parties to discuss performance and prescriptive code requirements. This forum provides an excellent arena to debate proposed revisions. This model code also encourages international consistency in the application of provisions.

## Development

The first edition of the *International Property Maintenance Code* (1998) was the culmination of an effort initiated in 1996 by a code development committee appointed by ICC and consisting of representatives of the three statutory members of the International Code Council at that time, including: Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc. (BOCA), International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO) and Southern Building Code Congress International (SBCCI). The committee drafted a comprehensive set of regulations for existing buildings that was consistent with the existing model property maintenance codes at the time. This 2015 edition presents the code as originally issued, with changes reflected through the previous 2012 edition and further changes developed through the ICC Code Development Process through 2013. A new edition of the code is promulgated every 3 years.

This code is founded on principles intended to establish provisions consistent with the scope of a property maintenance code that adequately protects public health, safety and welfare; provisions that do not unnecessarily increase construction costs; provisions that do not restrict the use of new materials, products or methods of construction; and provisions that do not give preferential treatment to particular types or classes of materials, products or methods of construction.

## Adoption

The International Code Council maintains a copyright in all of its codes and standards. Maintaining copyright allows ICC to fund its mission through sales of books, in both print and electronic formats. The *International Property Maintenance Code* is designed for adoption and use by jurisdictions that recognize and acknowledge the ICC's copyright in the code, and further acknowledge the substantial shared value of the public/private partnership for code development between jurisdictions and the ICC.

The ICC also recognizes the need for jurisdictions to make laws available to the public. All ICC codes and ICC standards, along with the laws of many jurisdictions, are available for free in a non-downloadable form on the ICC's website. Jurisdictions should contact the ICC at [adoptions@icc-safe.org](mailto:adoptions@icc-safe.org) to learn how to adopt and distribute laws based on the *International Property Maintenance Code* in a manner that provides necessary access, while maintaining the ICC's copyright.

## Maintenance

The *International Property Maintenance Code* is kept up to date through the review of proposed changes submitted by code enforcing officials, industry representatives, design professionals and other interested parties. Proposed changes are carefully considered through an open code development process in which all interested and affected parties may participate.

The contents of this work are subject to change through both the code development cycles and the governmental body that enacts the code into law. For more information regarding the code development process, contact the Codes and Standards Development Department of the International Code Council.

While the development procedure of the *International Property Maintenance Code* ensures the highest degree of care, the ICC, its members and those participating in the development of this code do not accept any liability resulting from compliance or noncompliance with the provisions because the ICC does not have the power or authority to police or enforce compliance with the contents of this code. Only the governmental body that enacts the code into law has such authority.

## Code Development Committee Responsibilities (Letter Designations in Front of Section Numbers)

In each code development cycle, proposed changes to this code are considered at the Committee Action Hearings by the International Property Maintenance/Zoning Code Development Committee, whose action constitutes a recommendation to the voting membership for final action on the proposed changes. Proposed changes to a code section having a number beginning with a letter in brackets are considered by a different code development committee. For example, proposed changes to code sections that have the letter [F] in front of them (e.g., [F] 704.1) are considered by the International Fire Code Development Committee at the Committee Action Hearings.

The content of sections in this code that begin with a letter designation is maintained by another code development committee in accordance with the following:

- [A] = Administrative Code Development Committee;
- [F] = International Fire Code Development Committee;
- [P] = International Plumbing Code Development Committee;
- [BE] = IBC – Means of Egress Code Development Committee; and
- [BG]= IBC – General Code Development Committee.

For the development of the 2018 edition of the I-Codes, there will be three groups of code development committees and they will meet in separate years. Note that these are tentative groupings.

<b>Group A Codes</b> (Heard in 2015, Code Change Proposals Deadline: January 12, 2015)	<b>Group B Codes</b> (Heard in 2016, Code Change Proposals Deadline: January 11, 2016)	<b>Group C Codes</b> (Heard in 2017, Code Change Proposals Deadline: January 11, 2017)
International Building Code – Fire Safety (Chapters 7, 8, 9, 14, 26) – Means of Egress (Chapters 10, 11, Appendix E) – General (Chapters 2-6, 12, 27-33, Appendices A, B, C, D, K)	Administrative Provisions (Chapter 1 of all codes except IRC and IECC, administrative updates to currently referenced standards, and designated definitions)	International Green Construction Code
International Fuel Gas Code	International Building Code – Structural (Chapters 15-25, Appendices F, G, H, I, J, L, M)	
International Existing Building Code	International Energy Conservation Code	
International Mechanical Code	International Fire Code	
International Plumbing Code	International Residential Code – IRC-B (Chapters 1-10, Appendices E, F, H, J, K, L M, O, R, S, T, U)	
International Private Sewage Disposal Code	International Wildland-Urban Interface Code	
International Property Maintenance Code		
International Residential Code – IRC-Mechanical (Chapters 12-24) – IRC-Plumbing (Chapter 25-33, Appendices G, I, N, P)		
International Swimming Pool and Spa Code		
International Zoning Code		

**Note:** Proposed changes to the ICC Performance Code will be heard by the Code Development Committee noted in brackets [ ] in the text of the code.

Code change proposals submitted for code sections that have a letter designation in front of them will be heard by the respective committee responsible for such code sections. Because different committees hold code development hearings in different years, it is possible that some proposals for this code will be heard by committees in both the 2015 (Group A) and the 2016 (Group B) code development cycles.

For instance, every section of Chapter 1 of this code is designated as the responsibility of the Administrative Code Development Committee, and that committee is part of the Group B portion of the hearings. This committee will hold its code development hearings in 2016 to consider all code change proposals for Chapter 1 of this code and proposals for Chapter 1 of all I-Codes except the *International Energy Conservation Code*, *International Residential Code* and *ICC Performance Code*. Therefore, any proposals received for Chapter 1 of this code will be assigned to the Administrative Code Development Committee for consideration in 2016.

It is very important that anyone submitting code change proposals understand which code development committee is responsible for the section of the code that is the subject of the code change proposal. For further information on the code development committee responsibilities, please visit the ICC website at [www.iccsafe.org/scoping](http://www.iccsafe.org/scoping).

## Marginal Markings

Solid vertical lines in the margins within the body of the code indicate a technical change from the requirements of the 2012 edition. Deletion indicators in the form of an arrow (➡) are provided in the margin where an entire section, paragraph, exception or table has been deleted or an item in a list of items or a table has been deleted.

A single asterisk [\*] placed in the margin indicates that text or a table has been relocated within the code. A double asterisk \*\*[\*\*] placed in the margin indicates that the text or table immediately

following it has been relocated there from elsewhere in the code. The following table indicates such relocations in the 2015 edition of the *International Property Maintenance Code*.

2015 LOCATION	2012 LOCATION
None	None

## Italicized Terms

Selected terms set forth in Chapter 2, Definitions, are italicized where they appear in code text. Such terms are not italicized where the definition set forth in Chapter 2 does not impart the intended meaning in the use of the term. The terms selected have definitions that the user should read carefully to facilitate better understanding of the code.

# EFFECTIVE USE OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

The *International Property Maintenance Code* (IPMC) is a model code that regulates the minimum maintenance requirements for existing buildings.

The IPMC is a maintenance document intended to establish minimum maintenance standards for basic equipment, light, ventilation, heating, sanitation and fire safety. Responsibility is fixed among owners, operators and occupants for code compliance. The IPMC provides for the regulation and safe use of existing structures in the interest of the social and economic welfare of the community.

## Arrangement and Format of the 2015 IPMC

Before applying the requirements of the IPMC it is beneficial to understand its arrangement and format. The IPMC, like other codes published by ICC, is arranged and organized to follow sequential steps that generally occur during an inspection. The IPMC is divided into eight different parts:

Chapters	Subjects
1	Administration
2	Definitions
3	General Requirements
4	Light, Ventilation and Occupancy Limitations
5	Plumbing Facilities and Fixture Requirements
6	Mechanical and Electrical Requirements
7	Fire Safety Requirements
8	Referenced Standards

The following is a chapter-by-chapter synopsis of the scope and intent of the provisions of the *International Property Maintenance Code*:

**Chapter 1 Scope and Administration.** This chapter contains provisions for the application, enforcement and administration of subsequent requirements of the code. In addition to establishing the scope of the code, Chapter 1 identifies which buildings and structures come under its purview. Chapter 1 is largely concerned with maintaining “due process of law” in enforcing the property maintenance criteria contained in the body of the code. Only through careful observation of the administrative provisions can the building official reasonably expect to demonstrate that “equal protection under the law” has been provided.

**Chapter 2 Definitions.** All terms that are defined in the code are listed alphabetically in Chapter 2. While a defined term may be used in one chapter or another, the meaning provided in Chapter 2 is applicable throughout the code.

Where understanding of a term’s definition is especially key to or necessary for understanding of a particular code provision, the term is shown in *italics* wherever it appears in the code. This is true only for those terms that have a meaning that is unique to the code. In other words, the generally understood meaning of a term or phrase might not be sufficient or consistent with the meaning prescribed by the code; therefore, it is essential that the code-defined meaning be known.

Guidance is provided regarding tense, gender and plurality of defined terms as well as terms not defined in this code.



**Chapter 3 General Requirements.** Chapter 3, “General Requirements,” is broad in scope. It includes a variety of requirements for the exterior property areas as well as the interior and exterior elements of the structure. This chapter provides requirements that are intended to maintain a minimum level of safety and sanitation for both the general public and the occupants of a structure, and to maintain a building’s structural and weather-resistance performance. Chapter 3 provides specific criteria for regulating the installation and maintenance of specific building components; maintenance requirements for vacant structures and land; requirements regulating the safety, sanitation and appearance of the interior and exterior of structures and all exterior property areas; accessory structures; vehicle storage regulations and establishes who is responsible for complying with the chapter’s provisions. This chapter also contains the requirements for swimming pools, spas and hot tubs and the requirements for protective barriers and gates in these barriers. Chapter 3 establishes the responsible parties for exterminating insects and rodents, and maintaining sanitary conditions in all types of occupancies.

**Chapter 4 Light, Ventilation and Occupancy Limitations.** The purpose of Chapter 4 is to set forth these requirements in the code and to establish the minimum environment for occupiable and habitable buildings, by establishing the minimum criteria for light and ventilation and identifies occupancy limitations including minimum room width and area, minimum ceiling height and restrictions to prevent overcrowding. This chapter also provides for alternative arrangements of windows and other devices to comply with the requirements for light and ventilation and prohibits certain room arrangements and occupancy uses.

**Chapter 5 Plumbing Facilities and Fixture Requirements.** Chapter 5 establishes the minimum criteria for the installation, maintenance and location of plumbing systems and facilities, including the water supply system, water heating appliances, sewage disposal system and related plumbing fixtures.

Sanitary and clean conditions in occupied buildings are dependent upon certain basic plumbing principles, including providing potable water to a building, providing the basic fixtures to effectively utilize that water and properly removing waste from the building. Chapter 5 establishes the minimum criteria to verify that these principles are maintained throughout the life of a building.

**Chapter 6 Mechanical and Electrical Requirements.** The purpose of Chapter 6 is to establish minimum performance requirements for heating, electrical and mechanical facilities and to establish minimum standards for the safety of these facilities.

This chapter establishes minimum criteria for the installation and maintenance of the following: heating and air-conditioning equipment, appliances and their supporting systems; water heating equipment, appliances and systems; cooking equipment and appliances; ventilation and exhaust equipment; gas and liquid fuel distribution piping and components; fireplaces and solid fuel-burning appliances; chimneys and vents; electrical services; lighting fixtures; electrical receptacle outlets; electrical distribution system equipment, devices and wiring; and elevators, escalators and dumb-waiters.

**Chapter 7 Fire Safety Requirements.** The purpose of Chapter 7 is to address those fire hazards that arise as the result of a building’s occupancy. It also provides minimum requirements for fire safety issues that are most likely to arise in older buildings.

This chapter contains requirements for means of egress in existing buildings, including path of travel, required egress width, means of egress doors and emergency escape openings.

Chapter 7 establishes the minimum requirements for fire safety facilities and fire protection systems, as these are essential fire safety systems.

**Chapter 8 Referenced Standards.** The code contains numerous references to standards that are used to regulate materials and methods of construction. Chapter 8 contains a comprehensive list of all standards that are referenced in the code. The standards are part of the code to the extent of the reference to the standard. Compliance with the referenced standard is necessary for compliance with this code. By providing specifically adopted standards, the construction and installation requirements necessary for compliance with the code can be readily determined. The basis for code compliance is, therefore, established and available on an equal basis to the code official, contractor, designer and owner.

Chapter 8 is organized in a manner that makes it easy to locate specific standards. It lists all of the referenced standards, alphabetically, by acronym of the promulgating agency of the standard. Each agency's standards are then listed in either alphabetical or numeric order based upon the standard identification. The list also contains the title of the standard; the edition (date) of the standard referenced; any addenda included as part of the ICC adoption; and the section or sections of this code that reference the standard.



# LEGISLATION

Jurisdictions wishing to adopt the 2015 *International Property Maintenance Code* as an enforceable regulation governing existing structures and premises should ensure that certain factual information is included in the adopting legislation at the time adoption is being considered by the appropriate governmental body. The following sample adoption legislation addresses several key elements, including the information required for insertion into the code text.

## SAMPLE LEGISLATION FOR ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A[N] [ORDINANCE/STATUTE/REGULATION] of the [JURISDICTION] adopting the 2015 edition of the *International Property Maintenance Code*, regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures; by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use; and the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use, and the demolition of such existing structures in the [JURISDICTION]; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefor; repealing [ORDINANCE/STATUTE/REGULATION] No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the [JURISDICTION] and all other ordinances or parts of laws in conflict therewith.

The [GOVERNING BODY] of the [JURISDICTION] does ordain as follows:

**Section 1.** That a certain document, three (3) copies of which are on file in the office of the [TITLE OF JURISDICTION'S KEEPER OF RECORDS] of [NAME OF JURISDICTION], being marked and designated as the *International Property Maintenance Code*, 2015 edition, as published by the International Code Council, be and is hereby adopted as the Property Maintenance Code of the [JURISDICTION], in the State of [STATE NAME] for regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures; by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use; and the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use, and the demolition of such existing structures as herein provided; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefor; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Property Maintenance Code on file in the office of the [JURISDICTION] are hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof, as if fully set out in this legislation, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in Section 2 of this ordinance.

**Section 2.** The following sections are hereby revised:

Section 101.1. Insert: [NAME OF JURISDICTION]

Section 103.5. Insert: [APPROPRIATE SCHEDULE]

Section 112.4. Insert: [DOLLAR AMOUNT IN TWO LOCATIONS]

Section 302.4. Insert: [HEIGHT IN INCHES]

Section 304.14. Insert: [DATES IN TWO LOCATIONS]

Section 602.3. Insert: [DATES IN TWO LOCATIONS]

Section 602.4. Insert: [DATES IN TWO LOCATIONS]

**Section 3.** That [ORDINANCE/STATUTE/REGULATION] No. \_\_\_\_\_ of [JURISDICTION] entitled [FILL IN HERE THE COMPLETE TITLE OF THE LEGISLATION OR LAWS IN EFFECT AT THE PRESENT TIME SO THAT THEY WILL BE REPEALED BY DEFINITE MENTION] and all other ordinances or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**Section 4.** That if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this legislation is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The [GOVERNING BODY] hereby declares that it would have passed this law, and each section, subsection, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

**Section 5.** That nothing in this legislation or in the Property Maintenance Code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired

or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Section 3 of this law; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this legislation.

**Section 6.** That the [JURISDICTION'S KEEPER OF RECORDS] is hereby ordered and directed to cause this legislation to be published. (An additional provision may be required to direct the number of times the legislation is to be published and to specify that it is to be in a newspaper in general circulation. Posting may also be required.)

**Section 7.** That this law and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders and matters established and adopted hereby shall take effect and be in full force and effect [TIME PERIOD] from and after the date of its final passage and adoption.

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# CHAPTER 1

## SCOPE AND ADMINISTRATION

### PART 1 — SCOPE AND APPLICATION

#### SECTION 101 GENERAL

[A] **101.1 Title.** These regulations shall be known as the *International Property Maintenance Code* of [NAME OF JURISDICTION], hereinafter referred to as "this code."

[A] **101.2 Scope.** The provisions of this code shall apply to all existing residential and nonresidential structures and all existing *premises* and constitute minimum requirements and standards for *premises*, structures, equipment and facilities for light, *ventilation*, space, heating, sanitation, protection from the elements, a reasonable level of safety from fire and other hazards, and for a reasonable level of sanitary maintenance; the responsibility of *owners*, an owner's authorized agent, *operators* and *occupants*; the *occupancy* of existing structures and *premises*, and for administration, enforcement and penalties.

[A] **101.3 Intent.** This code shall be construed to secure its expressed intent, which is to ensure public health, safety and welfare insofar as they are affected by the continued *occupancy* and maintenance of structures and *premises*. Existing structures and *premises* that do not comply with these provisions shall be altered or repaired to provide a minimum level of health and safety as required herein.

[A] **101.4 Severability.** If a section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this code is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this code.

#### SECTION 102 APPLICABILITY

[A] **102.1 General.** Where there is a conflict between a general requirement and a specific requirement, the specific requirement shall govern. Where differences occur between provisions of this code and the referenced standards, the provisions of this code shall apply. Where, in a specific case, different sections of this code specify different requirements, the most restrictive shall govern.

[A] **102.2 Maintenance.** Equipment, systems, devices and safeguards required by this code or a previous regulation or code under which the structure or *premises* was constructed, altered or repaired shall be maintained in good working order. No *owner*, owner's authorized agent, *operator* or *occupant* shall cause any service, facility, equipment or utility that is required under this section to be removed from, shut off from or discontinued for any occupied dwelling, except for such temporary interruption as necessary while repairs or alterations are in progress. The requirements of this code are not

intended to provide the basis for removal or abrogation of fire protection and safety systems and devices in existing structures. Except as otherwise specified herein, the *owner* or the *owner's* authorized agent shall be responsible for the maintenance of buildings, structures and *premises*.

[A] **102.3 Application of other codes.** Repairs, additions or alterations to a structure, or changes of *occupancy*, shall be done in accordance with the procedures and provisions of the *International Building Code*, *International Existing Building Code*, *International Energy Conservation Code*, *International Fire Code*, *International Fuel Gas Code*, *International Mechanical Code*, *International Residential Code*, *International Plumbing Code* and NFPA 70. Nothing in this code shall be construed to cancel, modify or set aside any provision of the *International Zoning Code*.

[A] **102.4 Existing remedies.** The provisions in this code shall not be construed to abolish or impair existing remedies of the jurisdiction or its officers or agencies relating to the removal or demolition of any structure that is dangerous, unsafe and insanitary.

[A] **102.5 Workmanship.** Repairs, maintenance work, alterations or installations that are caused directly or indirectly by the enforcement of this code shall be executed and installed in a *workmanlike* manner and installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

[A] **102.6 Historic buildings.** The provisions of this code shall not be mandatory for existing buildings or structures designated as historic buildings where such buildings or structures are judged by the *code official* to be safe and in the public interest of health, safety and welfare.

[A] **102.7 Referenced codes and standards.** The codes and standards referenced in this code shall be those that are listed in Chapter 8 and considered part of the requirements of this code to the prescribed extent of each such reference and as further regulated in Sections 102.7.1 and 102.7.2.

**Exception:** Where enforcement of a code provision would violate the conditions of the listing of the equipment or appliance, the conditions of the listing shall apply.

[A] **102.7.1 Conflicts.** Where conflicts occur between provisions of this code and the referenced standards, the provisions of this code shall apply.

[A] **102.7.2 Provisions in referenced codes and standards.** Where the extent of the reference to a referenced code or standard includes subject matter that is within the scope of this code, the provisions of this code, as applicable, shall take precedence over the provisions in the referenced code or standard.

[A] **102.8 Requirements not covered by code.** Requirements necessary for the strength, stability or proper operation of an existing fixture, structure or equipment, or for the pub-

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lic safety, health and general welfare, not specifically covered by this code, shall be determined by the *code official*.

**[A] 102.9 Application of references.** References to chapter or section numbers, or to provisions not specifically identified by number, shall be construed to refer to such chapter, section or provision of this code.

**[A] 102.10 Other laws.** The provisions of this code shall not be deemed to nullify any provisions of local, state or federal law.

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### SECTION 103 DEPARTMENT OF PROPERTY MAINTENANCE INSPECTION

**[A] 103.1 General.** The department of property maintenance inspection is hereby created and the executive official in charge thereof shall be known as the *code official*.

**[A] 103.2 Appointment.** The *code official* shall be appointed by the chief appointing authority of the jurisdiction.

**[A] 103.3 Deputies.** In accordance with the prescribed procedures of this jurisdiction and with the concurrence of the appointing authority, the *code official* shall have the authority to appoint a deputy(s). Such employees shall have powers as delegated by the *code official*.

**[A] 103.4 Liability.** The *code official*, member of the board of appeals or employee charged with the enforcement of this code, while acting for the jurisdiction, in good faith and without malice in the discharge of the duties required by this code or other pertinent law or ordinance, shall not thereby be rendered civilly or criminally liable personally, and is hereby relieved from all personal liability for any damage accruing to persons or property as a result of an act or by reason of an act or omission in the discharge of official duties.

**[A] 103.4.1 Legal defense.** Any suit or criminal complaint instituted against any officer or employee because of an act performed by that officer or employee in the lawful discharge of duties and under the provisions of this code shall be defended by the legal representative of the jurisdiction until the final termination of the proceedings. The *code official* or any subordinate shall not be liable for costs in an action, suit or proceeding that is instituted in pursuance of the provisions of this code.

**[A] 103.5 Fees.** The fees for activities and services performed by the department in carrying out its responsibilities under this code shall be as indicated in the following schedule.

**[JURISDICTION TO INSERT APPROPRIATE SCHEDULE.]**

### SECTION 104 DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE CODE OFFICIAL

**[A] 104.1 General.** The *code official* is hereby authorized and directed to enforce the provisions of this code. The *code official* shall have the authority to render interpretations of this code and to adopt policies and procedures in order to

clarify the application of its provisions. Such interpretations, policies and procedures shall be in compliance with the intent and purpose of this code. Such policies and procedures shall not have the effect of waiving requirements specifically provided for in this code.

**[A] 104.2 Inspections.** The *code official* shall make all of the required inspections, or shall accept reports of inspection by *approved* agencies or individuals. Reports of such inspections shall be in writing and be certified by a responsible officer of such *approved* agency or by the responsible individual. The *code official* is authorized to engage such expert opinion as deemed necessary to report upon unusual technical issues that arise, subject to the approval of the appointing authority.

**[A] 104.3 Right of entry.** Where it is necessary to make an inspection to enforce the provisions of this code, or whenever the *code official* has reasonable cause to believe that there exists in a *structure* or upon a *premises* a condition in violation of this code, the *code official* is authorized to enter the structure or *premises* at reasonable times to inspect or perform the duties imposed by this code, provided that if such structure or *premises* is occupied the *code official* shall present credentials to the *occupant* and request entry. If such structure or *premises* is unoccupied, the *code official* shall first make a reasonable effort to locate the *owner*, *owner's* authorized agent or other person having charge or control of the structure or *premises* and request entry. If entry is refused, the *code official* shall have recourse to the remedies provided by law to secure entry.

**[A] 104.4 Identification.** The *code official* shall carry proper identification when inspecting structures or *premises* in the performance of duties under this code.

**[A] 104.5 Notices and orders.** The *code official* shall issue all necessary notices or orders to ensure compliance with this code.

**[A] 104.6 Department records.** The *code official* shall keep official records of all business and activities of the department specified in the provisions of this code. Such records shall be retained in the official records for the period required for retention of public records.

### SECTION 105 APPROVAL

**[A] 105.1 Modifications.** Whenever there are practical difficulties involved in carrying out the provisions of this code, the *code official* shall have the authority to grant modifications for individual cases upon application of the *owner* or *owner's* authorized agent, provided the *code official* shall first find that special individual reason makes the strict letter of this code impractical, the modification is in compliance with the intent and purpose of this code and that such modification does not lessen health, life and fire safety requirements. The details of action granting modifications shall be recorded and entered in the department files.

**[A] 105.2 Alternative materials, methods and equipment.** The provisions of this code are not intended to prevent the installation of any material or to prohibit any method of construction not specifically prescribed by this code, provided

that any such alternative has been *approved*. An alternative material or method of construction shall be *approved* where the *code official* finds that the proposed design is satisfactory and complies with the intent of the provisions of this code, and that the material, method or work offered is, for the purpose intended, at least the equivalent of that prescribed in this code in quality, strength, effectiveness, fire resistance, durability and safety. Where the alternative material, design or method of construction is not *approved*, the *code official* shall respond in writing, stating the reasons the alternative was not *approved*.

**[A] 105.3 Required testing.** Whenever there is insufficient evidence of compliance with the provisions of this code or evidence that a material or method does not conform to the requirements of this code, or in order to substantiate claims for alternative materials or methods, the *code official* shall have the authority to require tests to be made as evidence of compliance at no expense to the jurisdiction.

**[A] 105.3.1 Test methods.** Test methods shall be as specified in this code or by other recognized test standards. In the absence of recognized and accepted test methods, the *code official* shall be permitted to approve appropriate testing procedures performed by an *approved* agency.

**[A] 105.3.2 Test reports.** Reports of tests shall be retained by the *code official* for the period required for retention of public records.

**[A] 105.4 Used material and equipment.** The use of used materials that meet the requirements of this code for new materials is permitted. Materials, equipment and devices shall not be reused unless such elements are in good repair or have been reconditioned and tested where necessary, placed in good and proper working condition and *approved* by the *code official*.

**[A] 105.5 Approved materials and equipment.** Materials, equipment and devices *approved* by the *code official* shall be constructed and installed in accordance with such approval.

**[A] 105.6 Research reports.** Supporting data, where necessary to assist in the approval of materials or assemblies not specifically provided for in this code, shall consist of valid research reports from *approved* sources.

## SECTION 106 VIOLATIONS

**[A] 106.1 Unlawful acts.** It shall be unlawful for a person, firm or corporation to be in conflict with or in violation of any of the provisions of this code.

**[A] 106.2 Notice of violation.** The *code official* shall serve a notice of violation or order in accordance with Section 107.

**[A] 106.3 Prosecution of violation.** Any person failing to comply with a notice of violation or order served in accordance with Section 107 shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor or civil infraction as determined by the local municipality, and the violation shall be deemed a *strict liability offense*. If the notice of violation is not complied with, the *code official* shall institute the appropriate proceeding at law or in equity to restrain, correct or abate such violation, or to

require the removal or termination of the unlawful *occupancy* of the structure in violation of the provisions of this code or of the order or direction made pursuant thereto. Any action taken by the authority having jurisdiction on such *premises* shall be charged against the real estate upon which the structure is located and shall be a lien upon such real estate.

**[A] 106.4 Violation penalties.** Any person who shall violate a provision of this code, or fail to comply therewith, or with any of the requirements thereof, shall be prosecuted within the limits provided by state or local laws. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.

**[A] 106.5 Abatement of violation.** The imposition of the penalties herein prescribed shall not preclude the legal officer of the jurisdiction from instituting appropriate action to restrain, correct or abate a violation, or to prevent illegal *occupancy* of a building, structure or *premises*, or to stop an illegal act, conduct, business or utilization of the building, structure or *premises*.

## SECTION 107 NOTICES AND ORDERS

**[A] 107.1 Notice to person responsible.** Whenever the *code official* determines that there has been a violation of this code or has grounds to believe that a violation has occurred, notice shall be given in the manner prescribed in Sections 107.2 and 107.3 to the person responsible for the violation as specified in this code. Notices for condemnation procedures shall also comply with Section 108.3.

**[A] 107.2 Form.** Such notice prescribed in Section 107.1 shall be in accordance with all of the following:

1. Be in writing.
2. Include a description of the real estate sufficient for identification.
3. Include a statement of the violation or violations and why the notice is being issued.
4. Include a correction order allowing a reasonable time to make the repairs and improvements required to bring the *dwelling unit* or structure into compliance with the provisions of this code.
5. Inform the property *owner* or owner's authorized agent of the right to appeal.
6. Include a statement of the right to file a lien in accordance with Section 106.3.

**[A] 107.3 Method of service.** Such notice shall be deemed to be properly served if a copy thereof is:

1. Delivered personally;
2. Sent by certified or first-class mail addressed to the last known address; or
3. If the notice is returned showing that the letter was not delivered, a copy thereof shall be posted in a conspicuous place in or about the structure affected by such notice.

**[A] 107.4 Unauthorized tampering.** Signs, tags or seals posted or affixed by the *code official* shall not be mutilated, destroyed or tampered with, or removed without authorization from the *code official*.

**[A] 107.5 Penalties.** Penalties for noncompliance with orders and notices shall be as set forth in Section 106.4.

**[A] 107.6 Transfer of ownership.** It shall be unlawful for the owner of any *dwelling unit* or structure who has received a compliance order or upon whom a notice of violation has been served to sell, transfer, mortgage, lease or otherwise dispose of such *dwelling unit* or structure to another until the provisions of the compliance order or notice of violation have been complied with, or until such owner or the owner's authorized agent shall first furnish the grantee, transferee, mortgagee or lessee a true copy of any compliance order or notice of violation issued by the *code official* and shall furnish to the *code official* a signed and notarized statement from the grantee, transferee, mortgagee or lessee, acknowledging the receipt of such compliance order or notice of violation and fully accepting the responsibility without condition for making the corrections or repairs required by such compliance order or notice of violation.

## SECTION 108 UNSAFE STRUCTURES AND EQUIPMENT

**[A] 108.1 General.** When a structure or equipment is found by the *code official* to be unsafe, or when a structure is found unfit for human *occupancy*, or is found unlawful, such structure shall be *condemned* pursuant to the provisions of this code.

**[A] 108.1.1 Unsafe structures.** An unsafe structure is one that is found to be dangerous to the life, health, property or safety of the public or the *occupants* of the structure by not providing minimum safeguards to protect or warn *occupants* in the event of fire, or because such structure contains unsafe equipment or is so damaged, decayed, dilapidated, structurally unsafe or of such faulty construction or unstable foundation, that partial or complete collapse is possible.

**[A] 108.1.2 Unsafe equipment.** Unsafe equipment includes any boiler, heating equipment, elevator, moving stairway, electrical wiring or device, flammable liquid containers or other equipment on the *premises* or within the structure which is in such disrepair or condition that such equipment is a hazard to life, health, property or safety of the public or *occupants* of the *premises* or structure.

**[A] 108.1.3 Structure unfit for human occupancy.** A structure is unfit for human *occupancy* whenever the *code official* finds that such structure is unsafe, unlawful or, because of the degree to which the structure is in disrepair or lacks maintenance, is insanitary, vermin or rat infested, contains filth and contamination, or lacks *ventilation*, illumination, sanitary or heating facilities or other essential equipment required by this code, or because the location of the structure constitutes a hazard to the *occupants* of the structure or to the public.

**[A] 108.1.4 Unlawful structure.** An unlawful structure is one found in whole or in part to be occupied by more persons than permitted under this code, or was erected, altered or occupied contrary to law.

**[A] 108.1.5 Dangerous structure or premises.** For the purpose of this code, any structure or *premises* that has any or all of the conditions or defects described below shall be considered dangerous:

1. Any door, aisle, passageway, stairway, exit or other means of egress that does not conform to the *approved* building or fire code of the jurisdiction as related to the requirements for existing buildings.
2. The walking surface of any aisle, passageway, stairway, exit or other means of egress is so warped, worn loose, torn or otherwise unsafe as to not provide safe and adequate means of egress.
3. Any portion of a building, structure or appurtenance that has been damaged by fire, earthquake, wind, flood, *deterioration*, *neglect*, abandonment, vandalism or by any other cause to such an extent that it is likely to partially or completely collapse, or to become *detached* or dislodged.
4. Any portion of a building, or any member, appurtenance or ornamentation on the exterior thereof that is not of sufficient strength or stability, or is not so *anchored*, attached or fastened in place so as to be capable of resisting natural or artificial loads of one and one-half the original designed value.
5. The building or structure, or part of the building or structure, because of dilapidation, *deterioration*, decay, faulty construction, the removal or movement of some portion of the ground necessary for the support, or for any other reason, is likely to partially or completely collapse, or some portion of the foundation or underpinning of the building or structure is likely to fail or give way.
6. The building or structure, or any portion thereof, is clearly unsafe for its use and *occupancy*.
7. The building or structure is *neglected*, damaged, dilapidated, unsecured or abandoned so as to become an attractive nuisance to children who might play in the building or structure to their danger, becomes a harbor for vagrants, criminals or immoral persons, or enables persons to resort to the building or structure for committing a nuisance or an unlawful act.
8. Any building or structure has been constructed, exists or is maintained in violation of any specific requirement or prohibition applicable to such building or structure provided by the *approved* building or fire code of the jurisdiction, or of any law or ordinance to such an extent as to present either a substantial risk of fire, building collapse or any other threat to life and safety.



9. A building or structure, used or intended to be used for dwelling purposes, because of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, decay, damage, faulty construction or arrangement, inadequate light, *ventilation*, mechanical or plumbing system, or otherwise, is determined by the *code official* to be unsanitary, unfit for human habitation or in such a condition that is likely to cause sickness or disease.
10. Any building or structure, because of a lack of sufficient or proper fire-resistance-rated construction, fire protection systems, electrical system, fuel connections, mechanical system, plumbing system or other cause, is determined by the *code official* to be a threat to life or health.
11. Any portion of a building remains on a site after the demolition or destruction of the building or structure or whenever any building or structure is abandoned so as to constitute such building or portion thereof as an attractive nuisance or hazard to the public.

**[A] 108.2 Closing of vacant structures.** If the structure is vacant and unfit for human habitation and *occupancy*, and is not in danger of structural collapse, the *code official* is authorized to post a placard of condemnation on the *premises* and order the structure closed up so as not to be an attractive nuisance. Upon failure of the *owner* or owner's authorized agent to close up the *premises* within the time specified in the order, the *code official* shall cause the *premises* to be closed and secured through any available public agency or by contract or arrangement by private persons and the cost thereof shall be charged against the real estate upon which the structure is located and shall be a lien upon such real estate and shall be collected by any other legal resource.

**[A] 108.2.1 Authority to disconnect service utilities.** The *code official* shall have the authority to authorize disconnection of utility service to the building, structure or system regulated by this code and the referenced codes and standards set forth in Section 102.7 in case of emergency where necessary to eliminate an immediate hazard to life or property or where such utility connection has been made without approval. The *code official* shall notify the serving utility and, whenever possible, the *owner* or owner's authorized agent and *occupant* of the building, structure or service system of the decision to disconnect prior to taking such action. If not notified prior to disconnection the *owner*, owner's authorized agent or *occupant* of the building structure or service system shall be notified in writing as soon as practical thereafter.

**[A] 108.3 Notice.** Whenever the *code official* has condemned a structure or equipment under the provisions of this section, notice shall be posted in a conspicuous place in or about the structure affected by such notice and served on the *owner*, owner's authorized agent or the person or persons responsible for the structure or equipment in accordance with Section 107.3. If the notice pertains to equipment, it shall be placed on the condemned equipment. The notice shall be in the form prescribed in Section 107.2.

**[A] 108.4 Placarding.** Upon failure of the *owner*, owner's authorized agent or person responsible to comply with the notice provisions within the time given, the *code official* shall post on the *premises* or on defective equipment a placard bearing the word "Condemned" and a statement of the penalties provided for occupying the *premises*, operating the equipment or removing the placard.

**[A] 108.4.1 Placard removal.** The *code official* shall remove the condemnation placard whenever the defect or defects upon which the condemnation and placarding action were based have been eliminated. Any person who defaces or removes a condemnation placard without the approval of the *code official* shall be subject to the penalties provided by this code.

**[A] 108.5 Prohibited occupancy.** Any occupied structure condemned and placarded by the *code official* shall be vacated as ordered by the *code official*. Any person who shall occupy a placarded *premises* or shall operate placarded equipment, and any *owner*, owner's authorized agent or person responsible for the *premises* who shall let anyone occupy a placarded *premises* or operate placarded equipment shall be liable for the penalties provided by this code.

**[A] 108.6 Abatement methods.** The *owner*, owner's authorized agent, *operator* or *occupant* of a building, *premises* or equipment deemed unsafe by the *code official* shall abate or cause to be abated or corrected such unsafe conditions either by repair, rehabilitation, demolition or other *approved* corrective action.

**[A] 108.7 Record.** The *code official* shall cause a report to be filed on an unsafe condition. The report shall state the *occupancy* of the structure and the nature of the unsafe condition.

## SECTION 109 EMERGENCY MEASURES

**[A] 109.1 Imminent danger.** When, in the opinion of the *code official*, there is *imminent danger* of failure or collapse of a building or structure that endangers life, or when any structure or part of a structure has fallen and life is endangered by the occupation of the structure, or when there is actual or potential danger to the building *occupants* or those in the proximity of any structure because of explosives, explosive fumes or vapors or the presence of toxic fumes, gases or materials, or operation of defective or dangerous equipment, the *code official* is hereby authorized and empowered to order and require the *occupants* to vacate the *premises* forthwith. The *code official* shall cause to be posted at each entrance to such structure a notice reading as follows: "This Structure Is Unsafe and Its Occupancy Has Been Prohibited by the Code Official." It shall be unlawful for any person to enter such structure except for the purpose of securing the structure, making the required repairs, removing the hazardous condition or of demolishing the same.

**[A] 109.2 Temporary safeguards.** Notwithstanding other provisions of this code, whenever, in the opinion of the *code official*, there is *imminent danger* due to an unsafe condition, the *code official* shall order the necessary work to be done,

including the boarding up of openings, to render such structure temporarily safe whether or not the legal procedure herein described has been instituted; and shall cause such other action to be taken as the *code official* deems necessary to meet such emergency.

**[A] 109.3 Closing streets.** When necessary for public safety, the *code official* shall temporarily close structures and close, or order the authority having jurisdiction to close, sidewalks, streets, *public ways* and places adjacent to unsafe structures, and prohibit the same from being utilized.

**[A] 109.4 Emergency repairs.** For the purposes of this section, the *code official* shall employ the necessary labor and materials to perform the required work as expeditiously as possible.

**[A] 109.5 Costs of emergency repairs.** Costs incurred in the performance of emergency work shall be paid by the jurisdiction. The legal counsel of the jurisdiction shall institute appropriate action against the *owner* of the *premises* or owner's authorized agent where the unsafe structure is or was located for the recovery of such costs.

**[A] 109.6 Hearing.** Any person ordered to take emergency measures shall comply with such order forthwith. Any affected person shall thereafter, upon petition directed to the appeals board, be afforded a hearing as described in this code.

## SECTION 110 DEMOLITION

**[A] 110.1 General.** The *code official* shall order the *owner* or owner's authorized agent of any *premises* upon which is located any structure, which in the *code official's* or owner's authorized agent judgment after review is so deteriorated or dilapidated or has become so out of repair as to be dangerous, unsafe, insanitary or otherwise unfit for human habitation or occupancy, and such that it is unreasonable to repair the structure, to demolish and remove such structure; or if such structure is capable of being made safe by repairs, to repair and make safe and sanitary, or to board up and hold for future repair or to demolish and remove at the *owner's* option; or where there has been a cessation of normal construction of any structure for a period of more than two years, the *code official* shall order the *owner* or owner's authorized agent to demolish and remove such structure, or board up until future repair. Boarding the building up for future repair shall not extend beyond one year, unless *approved* by the building official.

**[A] 110.2 Notices and orders.** Notices and orders shall comply with Section 107.

**[A] 110.3 Failure to comply.** If the *owner* of a *premises* or owner's authorized agent fails to comply with a demolition order within the time prescribed, the *code official* shall cause the structure to be demolished and removed, either through an available public agency or by contract or arrangement with private persons, and the cost of such demolition and removal shall be charged against the real estate upon which the structure is located and shall be a lien upon such real estate.

**[A] 110.4 Salvage materials.** When any structure has been ordered demolished and removed, the governing body or other designated officer under said contract or arrangement aforesaid shall have the right to sell the salvage and valuable materials. The net proceeds of such sale, after deducting the expenses of such demolition and removal, shall be promptly remitted with a report of such sale or transaction, including the items of expense and the amounts deducted, for the person who is entitled thereto, subject to any order of a court. If such a surplus does not remain to be turned over, the report shall so state.

## SECTION 111 MEANS OF APPEAL

**[A] 111.1 Application for appeal.** Any person directly affected by a decision of the *code official* or a notice or order issued under this code shall have the right to appeal to the board of appeals, provided that a written application for appeal is filed within 20 days after the day the decision, notice or order was served. An application for appeal shall be based on a claim that the true intent of this code or the rules legally adopted thereunder have been incorrectly interpreted, the provisions of this code do not fully apply, or the requirements of this code are adequately satisfied by other means.

**[A] 111.2 Membership of board.** The board of appeals shall consist of not less than three members who are qualified by experience and training to pass on matters pertaining to property maintenance and who are not employees of the jurisdiction. The *code official* shall be an ex-officio member but shall have no vote on any matter before the board. The board shall be appointed by the chief appointing authority, and shall serve staggered and overlapping terms.

**[A] 111.2.1 Alternate members.** The chief appointing authority shall appoint not less than two alternate members who shall be called by the board chairman to hear appeals during the absence or disqualification of a member. Alternate members shall possess the qualifications required for board membership.

**[A] 111.2.2 Chairman.** The board shall annually select one of its members to serve as chairman.

**[A] 111.2.3 Disqualification of member.** A member shall not hear an appeal in which that member has a personal, professional or financial interest.

**[A] 111.2.4 Secretary.** The chief administrative officer shall designate a qualified person to serve as secretary to the board. The secretary shall file a detailed record of all proceedings in the office of the chief administrative officer.

**[A] 111.2.5 Compensation of members.** Compensation of members shall be determined by law.

**[A] 111.3 Notice of meeting.** The board shall meet upon notice from the chairman, within 20 days of the filing of an appeal, or at stated periodic meetings.

**[A] 111.4 Open hearing.** Hearings before the board shall be open to the public. The appellant, the appellant's representa-

tive, the *code official* and any person whose interests are affected shall be given an opportunity to be heard. A quorum shall consist of a minimum of two-thirds of the board membership.

[A] **111.4.1 Procedure.** The board shall adopt and make available to the public through the secretary procedures under which a hearing will be conducted. The procedures shall not require compliance with strict rules of evidence, but shall mandate that only relevant information be received.

[A] **111.5 Postponed hearing.** When the full board is not present to hear an appeal, either the appellant or the appellant's representative shall have the right to request a postponement of the hearing.

[A] **111.6 Board decision.** The board shall modify or reverse the decision of the *code official* only by a concurring vote of a majority of the total number of appointed board members.

[A] **111.6.1 Records and copies.** The decision of the board shall be recorded. Copies shall be furnished to the appellant and to the *code official*.

[A] **111.6.2 Administration.** The *code official* shall take immediate action in accordance with the decision of the board.

[A] **111.7 Court review.** Any person, whether or not a previous party of the appeal, shall have the right to apply to the appropriate court for a writ of certiorari to correct errors of law. Application for review shall be made in the manner and time required by law following the filing of the decision in the office of the chief administrative officer.

[A] **111.8 Stays of enforcement.** Appeals of notice and orders (other than *Imminent Danger* notices) shall stay the enforcement of the notice and order until the appeal is heard by the appeals board.

## SECTION 112 STOP WORK ORDER

[A] **112.1 Authority.** Whenever the *code official* finds any work regulated by this code being performed in a manner contrary to the provisions of this code or in a dangerous or unsafe manner, the *code official* is authorized to issue a stop work order.

[A] **112.2 Issuance.** A stop work order shall be in writing and shall be given to the *owner* of the property, to the *owner's* authorized agent, or to the person doing the work. Upon issuance of a stop work order, the cited work shall immediately cease. The stop work order shall state the reason for the order and the conditions under which the cited work is authorized to resume.

[A] **112.3 Emergencies.** Where an emergency exists, the *code official* shall not be required to give a written notice prior to stopping the work.

[A] **112.4 Failure to comply.** Any person who shall continue any work after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to

remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be liable to a fine of not less than [AMOUNT] dollars or more than [AMOUNT] dollars.



## CHAPTER 2

# DEFINITIONS

### SECTION 201 GENERAL

**201.1 Scope.** Unless otherwise expressly stated, the following terms shall, for the purposes of this code, have the meanings shown in this chapter.

**201.2 Interchangeability.** Words stated in the present tense include the future; words stated in the masculine gender include the feminine and neuter; the singular number includes the plural and the plural, the singular.

**201.3 Terms defined in other codes.** Where terms are not defined in this code and are defined in the *International Building Code*, *International Existing Building Code*, *International Fire Code*, *International Fuel Gas Code*, *International Mechanical Code*, *International Plumbing Code*, *International Residential Code*, *International Zoning Code* or NFPA 70, such terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them as stated in those codes.

**201.4 Terms not defined.** Where terms are not defined through the methods authorized by this section, such terms shall have ordinarily accepted meanings such as the context implies.

**201.5 Parts.** Whenever the words “dwelling unit,” “dwelling,” “premises,” “building,” “rooming house,” “rooming unit,” “housekeeping unit” or “story” are stated in this code, they shall be construed as though they were followed by the words “or any part thereof.”

### SECTION 202 GENERAL DEFINITIONS

**ANCHORED.** Secured in a manner that provides positive connection.

**[A] APPROVED.** Acceptable to the *code official*.

**BASEMENT.** That portion of a building which is partly or completely below grade.

**BATHROOM.** A room containing plumbing fixtures including a bathtub or shower.

**BEDROOM.** Any room or space used or intended to be used for sleeping purposes in either a dwelling or *sleeping unit*.

**[A] CODE OFFICIAL.** The official who is charged with the administration and enforcement of this code, or any duly authorized representative.

**CONDEMN.** To adjudge unfit for *occupancy*.

**COST OF SUCH DEMOLITION OR EMERGENCY REPAIRS.** The costs shall include the actual costs of the demolition or repair of the structure less revenues obtained if salvage was conducted prior to demolition or repair. Costs shall include, but not be limited to, expenses incurred or necessitated related to demolition or emergency repairs, such

as asbestos survey and abatement if necessary; costs of inspectors, testing agencies or experts retained relative to the demolition or emergency repairs; costs of testing; surveys for other materials that are controlled or regulated from being dumped in a landfill; title searches; mailing(s); postings; recording; and attorney fees expended for recovering of the cost of emergency repairs or to obtain or enforce an order of demolition made by a *code official*, the governing body or board of appeals.

**DETACHED.** When a structural element is physically disconnected from another and that connection is necessary to provide a positive connection.

**DETERIORATION.** To weaken, disintegrate, corrode, rust or decay and lose effectiveness.

**[BG] DWELLING UNIT.** A single unit providing complete, independent living facilities for one or more persons, including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation.

**[Z] EASEMENT.** That portion of land or property reserved for present or future use by a person or agency other than the legal fee *owner(s)* of the property. The *easement* shall be permitted to be for use under, on or above a said lot or lots.

**EQUIPMENT SUPPORT.** Those structural members or assemblies of members or manufactured elements, including braces, frames, lugs, snuggers, hangers or saddles, that transmit gravity load, lateral load and operating load between the equipment and the structure.

**EXTERIOR PROPERTY.** The open space on the *premises* and on adjoining property under the control of *owners* or *operators* of such *premises*.

**GARBAGE.** The animal or vegetable waste resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of food.

**[BE] GUARD.** A building component or a system of building components located at or near the open sides of elevated walking surfaces that minimizes the possibility of a fall from the walking surface to a lower level.

**[BG] HABITABLE SPACE.** Space in a structure for living, sleeping, eating or cooking. *Bathrooms*, *toilet rooms*, closets, halls, storage or utility spaces, and similar areas are not considered *habitable spaces*.

**HISTORIC BUILDING.** Any building or structure that is one or more of the following:

1. Listed or certified as eligible for listing, by the State Historic Preservation Officer or the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places, in the National Register of Historic Places.
2. Designated as historic under an applicable state or local law.



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3. Certified as a contributing resource within a National Register or state or locally designated historic district.

**HOUSEKEEPING UNIT.** A room or group of rooms forming a single *habitable space* equipped and intended to be used for living, sleeping, cooking and eating which does not contain, within such a unit, a toilet, lavatory and bathtub or shower.

**IMMINENT DANGER.** A condition which could cause serious or life-threatening injury or death at any time.

**INFESTATION.** The presence, within or contiguous to, a structure or *premises* of insects, rats, vermin or other pests.

**INOPERABLE MOTOR VEHICLE.** A vehicle which cannot be driven upon the public streets for reason including but not limited to being unlicensed, wrecked, abandoned, in a state of disrepair, or incapable of being moved under its own power.

**[A] LABELED.** Equipment, materials or products to which have been affixed a label, seal, symbol or other identifying mark of a nationally recognized testing laboratory, inspection agency or other organization concerned with product evaluation that maintains periodic inspection of the production of the above-labeled items and whose labeling indicates either that the equipment, material or product meets identified standards or has been tested and found suitable for a specified purpose.

**LET FOR OCCUPANCY or LET.** To permit, provide or offer possession or *occupancy* of a dwelling, *dwelling unit*, *rooming unit*, building, premise or structure by a person who is or is not the legal *owner* of record thereof, pursuant to a written or unwritten lease, agreement or license, or pursuant to a recorded or unrecorded agreement of contract for the sale of land.

**NEGLECT.** The lack of proper maintenance for a building or *structure*.

**[A] OCCUPANCY.** The purpose for which a building or portion thereof is utilized or occupied.

**OCCUPANT.** Any individual living or sleeping in a building, or having possession of a space within a building.

**OPENABLE AREA.** That part of a window, skylight or door which is available for unobstructed *ventilation* and which opens directly to the outdoors.

**OPERATOR.** Any person who has charge, care or control of a structure or *premises* which is let or offered for *occupancy*.

**[A] OWNER.** Any person, agent, *operator*, firm or corporation having legal or equitable interest in the property; or recorded in the official records of the state, county or municipality as holding title to the property; or otherwise having control of the property, including the guardian of the estate of any such person, and the executor or administrator of the estate of such person if ordered to take possession of real property by a court.

**PERSON.** An individual, corporation, partnership or any other group acting as a unit.

**PEST ELIMINATION.** The control and elimination of insects, rodents or other pests by eliminating their harborage places; by removing or making inaccessible materials that serve as their food or water; by other *approved pest elimination* methods.

**[A] PREMISES.** A lot, plot or parcel of land, *easement* or *public way*, including any structures thereon.

**[A] PUBLIC WAY.** Any street, alley or similar parcel of land essentially unobstructed from the ground to the sky, which is deeded, dedicated or otherwise permanently appropriated to the public for public use.

**ROOMING HOUSE.** A building arranged or occupied for lodging, with or without meals, for compensation and not occupied as a one- or two-family dwelling.

**ROOMING UNIT.** Any room or group of rooms forming a single habitable unit occupied or intended to be occupied for sleeping or living, but not for cooking purposes.

**RUBBISH.** Combustible and noncombustible waste materials, except garbage; the term shall include the residue from the burning of wood, coal, coke and other combustible materials, paper, rags, cartons, boxes, wood, excelsior, rubber, leather, tree branches, *yard* trimmings, tin cans, metals, mineral matter, glass, crockery and dust and other similar materials.

**[BG] SLEEPING UNIT.** A room or space in which people sleep, which can also include permanent provisions for living, eating and either sanitation or kitchen facilities, but not both. Such rooms and spaces that are also part of a *dwelling unit* are not *sleeping units*.

**STRICT LIABILITY OFFENSE.** An offense in which the prosecution in a legal proceeding is not required to prove criminal intent as a part of its case. It is enough to prove that the defendant either did an act which was prohibited, or failed to do an act which the defendant was legally required to do.

**[A] STRUCTURE.** That which is built or constructed or a portion thereof.

**TENANT.** A person, corporation, partnership or group, whether or not the legal *owner* of record, occupying a building or portion thereof as a unit.

**TOILET ROOM.** A room containing a water closet or urinal but not a bathtub or shower.

**ULTIMATE DEFORMATION.** The deformation at which failure occurs and which shall be deemed to occur if the sustainable load reduces to 80 percent or less of the maximum strength.

**[M] VENTILATION.** The natural or mechanical process of supplying conditioned or unconditioned air to, or removing such air from, any space.

**WORKMANLIKE.** Executed in a skilled manner; e.g., generally plumb, level, square, in line, undamaged and without marring adjacent work.

**[Z] YARD.** An open space on the same lot with a structure.

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### SECTION 301 GENERAL

**301.1 Scope.** The provisions of this chapter shall govern the minimum conditions and the responsibilities of persons for maintenance of structures, equipment and *exterior property*.

**301.2 Responsibility.** The *owner* of the *premises* shall maintain the structures and *exterior property* in compliance with these requirements, except as otherwise provided for in this code. A person shall not occupy as owner-occupant or permit another person to occupy *premises* that are not in a sanitary and safe condition and that do not comply with the requirements of this chapter. *Occupants* of a *dwelling unit*, *rooming unit* or *housekeeping unit* are responsible for keeping in a clean, sanitary and safe condition that part of the *dwelling unit*, *rooming unit*, *housekeeping unit* or *premises* which they occupy and control.

**301.3 Vacant structures and land.** Vacant structures and *premises* thereof or vacant land shall be maintained in a clean, safe, secure and sanitary condition as provided herein so as not to cause a blighting problem or adversely affect the public health or safety.

### SECTION 302 EXTERIOR PROPERTY AREAS

**302.1 Sanitation.** *Exterior property* and *premises* shall be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition. The *occupant* shall keep that part of the *exterior property* that such *occupant* occupies or controls in a clean and sanitary condition.

**302.2 Grading and drainage.** *Premises* shall be graded and maintained to prevent the erosion of soil and to prevent the accumulation of stagnant water thereon, or within any structure located thereon.

**Exception:** *Approved* retention areas and reservoirs.

**302.3 Sidewalks and driveways.** Sidewalks, walkways, stairs, driveways, parking spaces and similar areas shall be kept in a proper state of repair, and maintained free from hazardous conditions.

**302.4 Weeds.** *Premises* and *exterior property* shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of [JURISDICTION TO INSERT HEIGHT IN INCHES]. Noxious weeds shall be prohibited. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs provided; however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens.

Upon failure of the *owner* or agent having charge of a property to cut and destroy weeds after service of a notice of violation, they shall be subject to prosecution in accordance with Section 106.3 and as prescribed by the authority having jurisdiction. Upon failure to comply with the notice of viola-

tion, any duly authorized employee of the jurisdiction or contractor hired by the jurisdiction shall be authorized to enter upon the property in violation and cut and destroy the weeds growing thereon, and the costs of such removal shall be paid by the *owner* or agent responsible for the property.

**302.5 Rodent harborage.** Structures and *exterior property* shall be kept free from rodent harborage and *infestation*. Where rodents are found, they shall be promptly exterminated by *approved* processes that will not be injurious to human health. After pest elimination, proper precautions shall be taken to eliminate rodent harborage and prevent reinfestation.

**302.6 Exhaust vents.** Pipes, ducts, conductors, fans or blowers shall not discharge gases, steam, vapor, hot air, grease, smoke, odors or other gaseous or particulate wastes directly upon abutting or adjacent public or private property or that of another *tenant*.

**302.7 Accessory structures.** Accessory structures, including *detached* garages, fences and walls, shall be maintained structurally sound and in good repair.

**302.8 Motor vehicles.** Except as provided for in other regulations, no inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicle shall be parked, kept or stored on any *premises*, and no vehicle shall at any time be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being stripped or dismantled. Painting of vehicles is prohibited unless conducted inside an *approved* spray booth.

**Exception:** A vehicle of any type is permitted to undergo major overhaul, including body work, provided that such work is performed inside a structure or similarly enclosed area designed and *approved* for such purposes.

**302.9 Defacement of property.** No person shall willfully or wantonly damage, mutilate or deface any exterior surface of any structure or building on any private or public property by placing thereon any marking, carving or graffiti.

It shall be the responsibility of the *owner* to restore said surface to an *approved* state of maintenance and repair.

### SECTION 303 SWIMMING POOLS, SPAS AND HOT TUBS

**303.1 Swimming pools.** Swimming pools shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, and in good repair.

**303.2 Enclosures.** Private swimming pools, hot tubs and spas, containing water more than 24 inches (610 mm) in depth shall be completely surrounded by a fence or barrier not less than 48 inches (1219 mm) in height above the finished ground level measured on the side of the barrier away from the pool. Gates and doors in such barriers shall be self-closing and self-latching. Where the self-latching device is not less than 54 inches (1372 mm) above the bottom of the

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gate, the release mechanism shall be located on the pool side of the gate. Self-closing and self-latching gates shall be maintained such that the gate will positively close and latch when released from an open position of 6 inches (152 mm) from the gatepost. No existing pool enclosure shall be removed, replaced or changed in a manner that reduces its effectiveness as a safety barrier.

**Exception:** Spas or hot tubs with a safety cover that complies with ASTM F 1346 shall be exempt from the provisions of this section.

### SECTION 304 EXTERIOR STRUCTURE

**304.1 General.** The exterior of a structure shall be maintained in good repair, structurally sound and sanitary so as not to pose a threat to the public health, safety or welfare.

**304.1.1 Unsafe conditions.** The following conditions shall be determined as unsafe and shall be repaired or replaced to comply with the *International Building Code* or the *International Existing Building Code* as required for existing buildings:

1. The nominal strength of any structural member is exceeded by nominal loads, the load effects or the required strength;
2. The *anchorage* of the floor or roof to walls or columns, and of walls and columns to foundations is not capable of resisting all nominal loads or load effects;
3. Structures or components thereof that have reached their limit state;
4. Siding and masonry joints including joints between the building envelope and the perimeter of windows, doors and skylights are not maintained, weather resistant or water tight;
5. Structural members that have evidence of *deterioration* or that are not capable of safely supporting all nominal loads and load effects;
6. Foundation systems that are not firmly supported by footings, are not plumb and free from open cracks and breaks, are not properly *anchored* or are not capable of supporting all nominal loads and resisting all load effects;
7. Exterior walls that are not *anchored* to supporting and supported elements or are not plumb and free of holes, cracks or breaks and loose or rotting materials, are not properly *anchored* or are not capable of supporting all nominal loads and resisting all load effects;
8. Roofing or roofing components that have defects that admit rain, roof surfaces with inadequate drainage, or any portion of the roof framing that is not in good repair with signs of *deterioration*, fatigue or without proper anchorage and incapable of supporting all nominal loads and resisting all load effects;

9. Flooring and flooring components with defects that affect serviceability or flooring components that show signs of *deterioration* or fatigue, are not properly *anchored* or are incapable of supporting all nominal loads and resisting all load effects;
10. Veneer, cornices, belt courses, corbels, trim, wall facings and similar decorative features not properly anchored or that are anchored with connections not capable of supporting all nominal loads and resisting all load effects;
11. Overhang extensions or projections including, but not limited to, trash chutes, canopies, marquees, signs, awnings, fire escapes, standpipes and exhaust ducts not properly *anchored* or that are *anchored* with connections not capable of supporting all nominal loads and resisting all load effects;
12. Exterior stairs, decks, porches, balconies and all similar appurtenances attached thereto, including *guards* and handrails, are not structurally sound, not properly *anchored* or that are *anchored* with connections not capable of supporting all nominal loads and resisting all load effects; or
13. Chimneys, cooling towers, smokestacks and similar appurtenances not structurally sound or not properly *anchored*, or that are anchored with connections not capable of supporting all nominal loads and resisting all load effects.

#### Exceptions:

1. Where substantiated otherwise by an *approved* method.
2. Demolition of unsafe conditions shall be permitted where *approved* by the *code official*.

**304.2 Protective treatment.** Exterior surfaces, including but not limited to, doors, door and window frames, cornices, porches, trim, balconies, decks and fences, shall be maintained in good condition. Exterior wood surfaces, other than decay-resistant woods, shall be protected from the elements and decay by painting or other protective covering or treatment. Peeling, flaking and chipped paint shall be eliminated and surfaces repainted. Siding and masonry joints, as well as those between the building envelope and the perimeter of windows, doors and skylights, shall be maintained weather resistant and water tight. Metal surfaces subject to rust or corrosion shall be coated to inhibit such rust and corrosion, and surfaces with rust or corrosion shall be stabilized and coated to inhibit future rust and corrosion. Oxidation stains shall be removed from exterior surfaces. Surfaces designed for stabilization by oxidation are exempt from this requirement.

**[F] 304.3 Premises identification.** Buildings shall have *approved* address numbers placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals or alphabet letters. Numbers shall be not less than 4 inches (102 mm) in height with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inch (12.7 mm).

**304.4 Structural members.** Structural members shall be maintained free from *deterioration*, and shall be capable of safely supporting the imposed dead and live loads.

**304.5 Foundation walls.** Foundation walls shall be maintained plumb and free from open cracks and breaks and shall be kept in such condition so as to prevent the entry of rodents and other pests.

**304.6 Exterior walls.** Exterior walls shall be free from holes, breaks, and loose or rotting materials; and maintained weathertight and properly surface coated where required to prevent *deterioration*.

**304.7 Roofs and drainage.** The roof and flashing shall be sound, tight and not have defects that admit rain. Roof drainage shall be adequate to prevent dampness or *deterioration* in the walls or interior portion of the structure. Roof drains, gutters and downspouts shall be maintained in good repair and free from obstructions. Roof water shall not be discharged in a manner that creates a public nuisance.

**304.8 Decorative features.** Cornices, belt courses, corbels, terra cotta trim, wall facings and similar decorative features shall be maintained in good repair with proper anchorage and in a safe condition.

**304.9 Overhang extensions.** Overhang extensions including, but not limited to, canopies, marquees, signs, metal awnings, fire escapes, standpipes and exhaust ducts shall be maintained in good repair and be properly *anchored* so as to be kept in a sound condition. Where required, all exposed surfaces of metal or wood shall be protected from the elements and against decay or rust by periodic application of weather-coating materials, such as paint or similar surface treatment.

**304.10 Stairways, decks, porches and balconies.** Every exterior stairway, deck, porch and balcony, and all appurtenances attached thereto, shall be maintained structurally sound, in good repair, with proper anchorage and capable of supporting the imposed loads.

**304.11 Chimneys and towers.** Chimneys, cooling towers, smoke stacks, and similar appurtenances shall be maintained structurally safe and sound, and in good repair. Exposed surfaces of metal or wood shall be protected from the elements and against decay or rust by periodic application of weather-coating materials, such as paint or similar surface treatment.

**304.12 Handrails and guards.** Every handrail and *guard* shall be firmly fastened and capable of supporting normally imposed loads and shall be maintained in good condition.

**304.13 Window, skylight and door frames.** Every window, skylight, door and frame shall be kept in sound condition, good repair and weather tight.

**304.13.1 Glazing.** Glazing materials shall be maintained free from cracks and holes.

**304.13.2 Openable windows.** Every window, other than a fixed window, shall be easily openable and capable of being held in position by window hardware.

**304.14 Insect screens.** During the period from [DATE] to [DATE], every door, window and other outside opening required for *ventilation* of habitable rooms, food preparation areas, food service areas or any areas where products to be

included or utilized in food for human consumption are processed, manufactured, packaged or stored shall be supplied with *approved* tightly fitting screens of minimum 16 mesh per inch (16 mesh per 25 mm), and every screen door used for insect control shall have a self-closing device in good working condition.

**Exception:** Screens shall not be required where other *approved* means, such as air curtains or insect repellent fans, are employed.

**304.15 Doors.** Exterior doors, door assemblies, operator systems if provided, and hardware shall be maintained in good condition. Locks at all entrances to dwelling units and sleeping units shall tightly secure the door. Locks on means of egress doors shall be in accordance with Section 702.3.

**304.16 Basement hatchways.** Every *basement* hatchway shall be maintained to prevent the entrance of rodents, rain and surface drainage water.

**304.17 Guards for basement windows.** Every *basement* window that is openable shall be supplied with rodent shields, storm windows or other *approved* protection against the entry of rodents.

**304.18 Building security.** Doors, windows or hatchways for *dwelling units*, room units or *housekeeping units* shall be provided with devices designed to provide security for the *occupants* and property within.

**304.18.1 Doors.** Doors providing access to a *dwelling unit*, *rooming unit* or *housekeeping unit* that is rented, leased or let shall be equipped with a deadbolt lock designed to be readily openable from the side from which egress is to be made without the need for keys, special knowledge or effort and shall have a minimum lock throw of 1 inch (25 mm). Such deadbolt locks shall be installed according to the manufacturer's specifications and maintained in good working order. For the purpose of this section, a sliding bolt shall not be considered an acceptable deadbolt lock.

**304.18.2 Windows.** Operable windows located in whole or in part within 6 feet (1828 mm) above ground level or a walking surface below that provide access to a *dwelling unit*, *rooming unit* or *housekeeping unit* that is rented, leased or let shall be equipped with a window sash locking device.

**304.18.3 Basement hatchways.** *Basement* hatchways that provide access to a *dwelling unit*, *rooming unit* or *housekeeping unit* that is rented, leased or let shall be equipped with devices that secure the units from unauthorized entry.

**304.19 Gates.** Exterior gates, gate assemblies, operator systems if provided, and hardware shall be maintained in good condition. Latches at all entrances shall tightly secure the gates.

## SECTION 305 INTERIOR STRUCTURE

**305.1 General.** The interior of a structure and equipment therein shall be maintained in good repair, structurally sound and in a sanitary condition. *Occupants* shall keep that part of



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the structure that they occupy or control in a clean and sanitary condition. Every *owner* of a structure containing a *rooming house*, *housekeeping units*, a hotel, a dormitory, two or more *dwelling units* or two or more nonresidential occupancies, shall maintain, in a clean and sanitary condition, the shared or public areas of the structure and *exterior property*.

**305.1.1 Unsafe conditions.** The following conditions shall be determined as unsafe and shall be repaired or replaced to comply with the *International Building Code* or the *International Existing Building Code* as required for existing buildings:

1. The nominal strength of any structural member is exceeded by nominal loads, the load effects or the required strength;
2. The anchorage of the floor or roof to walls or columns, and of walls and columns to foundations is not capable of resisting all nominal loads or load effects;
3. Structures or components thereof that have reached their limit state;
4. Structural members are incapable of supporting nominal loads and load effects;
5. Stairs, landings, balconies and all similar walking surfaces, including *guards* and handrails, are not structurally sound, not properly *anchored* or are *anchored* with connections not capable of supporting all nominal loads and resisting all load effects;
6. Foundation systems that are not firmly supported by footings are not plumb and free from open cracks and breaks, are not properly *anchored* or are not capable of supporting all nominal loads and resisting all load effects.

### Exceptions:

1. Where substantiated otherwise by an *approved* method.
2. Demolition of unsafe conditions shall be permitted when *approved* by the *code official*.

**305.2 Structural members.** Structural members shall be maintained structurally sound, and be capable of supporting the imposed loads.

**305.3 Interior surfaces.** Interior surfaces, including windows and doors, shall be maintained in good, clean and sanitary condition. Peeling, chipping, flaking or abraded paint shall be repaired, removed or covered. Cracked or loose plaster, decayed wood and other defective surface conditions shall be corrected.

**305.4 Stairs and walking surfaces.** Every stair, ramp, landing, balcony, porch, deck or other walking surface shall be maintained in sound condition and good repair.

**305.5 Handrails and guards.** Every handrail and *guard* shall be firmly fastened and capable of supporting normally imposed loads and shall be maintained in good condition.

**305.6 Interior doors.** Every interior door shall fit reasonably well within its frame and shall be capable of being opened and closed by being properly and securely attached to jambs,

headers or tracks as intended by the manufacturer of the attachment hardware.

## SECTION 306 COMPONENT SERVICEABILITY

**306.1 General.** The components of a structure and equipment therein shall be maintained in good repair, structurally sound and in a sanitary condition.

**306.1.1 Unsafe conditions.** Where any of the following conditions cause the component or system to be beyond its limit state, the component or system shall be determined as unsafe and shall be repaired or replaced to comply with the *International Building Code* or the *International Existing Building Code* as required for existing buildings:

1. Soils that have been subjected to any of the following conditions:
  - 1.1. Collapse of footing or foundation system;
  - 1.2. Damage to footing, foundation, concrete or other structural element due to soil expansion;
  - 1.3. Adverse effects to the design strength of footing, foundation, concrete or other structural element due to a chemical reaction from the soil;
  - 1.4. Inadequate soil as determined by a geotechnical investigation;
  - 1.5. Where the allowable bearing capacity of the soil is in doubt; or
  - 1.6. Adverse effects to the footing, foundation, concrete or other structural element due to the ground water table.
2. Concrete that has been subjected to any of the following conditions:
  - 2.1. *Deterioration*;
  - 2.2. *Ultimate deformation*;
  - 2.3. Fractures;
  - 2.4. Fissures;
  - 2.5. Spalling;
  - 2.6. Exposed reinforcement; or
  - 2.7. *Detached*, dislodged or failing connections.
3. Aluminum that has been subjected to any of the following conditions:
  - 3.1. *Deterioration*;
  - 3.2. Corrosion;
  - 3.3. Elastic deformation;
  - 3.4. *Ultimate deformation*;
  - 3.5. Stress or strain cracks;
  - 3.6. Joint fatigue; or
  - 3.7. *Detached*, dislodged or failing connections.



4. Masonry that has been subjected to any of the following conditions:
  - 4.1. *Deterioration*;
  - 4.2. *Ultimate deformation*;
  - 4.3. Fractures in masonry or mortar joints;
  - 4.4. Fissures in masonry or mortar joints;
  - 4.5. Spalling;
  - 4.6. Exposed reinforcement; or
  - 4.7. *Detached*, dislodged or failing connections.
5. Steel that has been subjected to any of the following conditions:
  - 5.1. *Deterioration*;
  - 5.2. Elastic deformation;
  - 5.3. *Ultimate deformation*;
  - 5.4. Metal fatigue; or
  - 5.5. *Detached*, dislodged or failing connections.
6. Wood that has been subjected to any of the following conditions:
  - 6.1. *Ultimate deformation*;
  - 6.2. *Deterioration*;
  - 6.3. Damage from insects, rodents and other vermin;
  - 6.4. Fire damage beyond charring;
  - 6.5. Significant splits and checks;
  - 6.6. Horizontal shear cracks;
  - 6.7. Vertical shear cracks;
  - 6.8. Inadequate support;
  - 6.9. *Detached*, dislodged or failing connections; or
  - 6.10. Excessive cutting and notching.

**Exceptions:**

1. Where substantiated otherwise by an *approved* method.
2. Demolition of unsafe conditions shall be permitted where *approved* by the *code official*.

### SECTION 307 HANDRAILS AND GUARDRAILS

**307.1 General.** Every exterior and interior flight of stairs having more than four risers shall have a handrail on one side of the stair and every open portion of a stair, landing, balcony, porch, deck, ramp or other walking surface that is more than 30 inches (762 mm) above the floor or grade below shall have *guards*. Handrails shall be not less than 30 inches (762 mm) in height or more than 42 inches (1067 mm) in height measured vertically above the nosing of the tread or above the finished floor of the landing or walking surfaces. *Guards* shall be not less than 30 inches (762 mm) in height above the

floor of the landing, balcony, porch, deck, or ramp or other walking surface.

**Exception:** *Guards* shall not be required where exempted by the adopted building code.

### SECTION 308 RUBBISH AND GARBAGE

**308.1 Accumulation of rubbish or garbage.** *Exterior property* and *premises*, and the interior of every structure, shall be free from any accumulation of *rubbish* or garbage.

**308.2 Disposal of rubbish.** Every *occupant* of a structure shall dispose of all *rubbish* in a clean and sanitary manner by placing such *rubbish* in *approved* containers.

**308.2.1 Rubbish storage facilities.** The *owner* of every occupied *premises* shall supply *approved* covered containers for *rubbish*, and the *owner* of the *premises* shall be responsible for the removal of *rubbish*.

**308.2.2 Refrigerators.** Refrigerators and similar equipment not in operation shall not be discarded, abandoned or stored on *premises* without first removing the doors.

**308.3 Disposal of garbage.** Every *occupant* of a structure shall dispose of garbage in a clean and sanitary manner by placing such garbage in an *approved* garbage disposal facility or *approved* containers.

**308.3.1 Garbage facilities.** The *owner* of every dwelling shall supply one of the following: an *approved* mechanical food waste grinder in each *dwelling unit*; an *approved* incinerator unit in the structure available to the *occupants* in each *dwelling unit*; or an *approved* leakproof, covered, outside garbage container.

**308.3.2 Containers.** The *operator* of every establishment producing garbage shall provide, and at all times cause to be utilized, *approved* leakproof containers provided with close-fitting covers for the storage of such materials until removed from the *premises* for disposal.

### SECTION 309 PEST ELIMINATION

**309.1 Infestation.** Structures shall be kept free from insect and rodent *infestation*. Structures in which insects or rodents are found shall be promptly exterminated by *approved* processes that will not be injurious to human health. After pest elimination, proper precautions shall be taken to prevent reinfestation.

**309.2 Owner.** The *owner* of any structure shall be responsible for pest elimination within the structure prior to renting or leasing the structure.

**309.3 Single occupant.** The *occupant* of a one-family dwelling or of a single-tenant nonresidential structure shall be responsible for pest elimination on the *premises*.

**309.4 Multiple occupancy.** The *owner* of a structure containing two or more *dwelling units*, a multiple *occupancy*, a

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*rooming house* or a nonresidential structure shall be responsible for pest elimination in the public or shared areas of the structure and *exterior property*. If *infestation* is caused by failure of an *occupant* to prevent such *infestation* in the area occupied, the *occupant* and *owner* shall be responsible for pest elimination.

**309.5 Occupant.** The *occupant* of any structure shall be responsible for the continued rodent and pest-free condition of the structure.

**Exception:** Where the *infestations* are caused by defects in the structure, the *owner* shall be responsible for pest elimination.

## CHAPTER 4

# LIGHT, VENTILATION AND OCCUPANCY LIMITATIONS

### SECTION 401 GENERAL

**401.1 Scope.** The provisions of this chapter shall govern the minimum conditions and standards for light, *ventilation* and space for occupying a structure.

**401.2 Responsibility.** The *owner* of the structure shall provide and maintain light, *ventilation* and space conditions in compliance with these requirements. A person shall not occupy as *owner-occupant*, or permit another person to occupy, any *premises* that do not comply with the requirements of this chapter.

**401.3 Alternative devices.** In lieu of the means for natural light and *ventilation* herein prescribed, artificial light or mechanical *ventilation* complying with the *International Building Code* shall be permitted.

### SECTION 402 LIGHT

**402.1 Habitable spaces.** Every *habitable space* shall have not less than one window of *approved* size facing directly to the outdoors or to a court. The minimum total glazed area for every *habitable space* shall be 8 percent of the floor area of such room. Wherever walls or other portions of a structure face a window of any room and such obstructions are located less than 3 feet (914 mm) from the window and extend to a level above that of the ceiling of the room, such window shall not be deemed to face directly to the outdoors nor to a court and shall not be included as contributing to the required minimum total window area for the room.

**Exception:** Where natural light for rooms or spaces without exterior glazing areas is provided through an adjoining room, the unobstructed opening to the adjoining room shall be not less than 8 percent of the floor area of the interior room or space, but a minimum of 25 square feet (2.33 m<sup>2</sup>). The exterior glazing area shall be based on the total floor area being served.

**402.2 Common halls and stairways.** Every common hall and stairway in residential occupancies, other than in one- and two-family dwellings, shall be lighted at all times with not less than a 60-watt standard incandescent light bulb for each 200 square feet (19 m<sup>2</sup>) of floor area or equivalent illumination, provided that the spacing between lights shall not be greater than 30 feet (9144 mm). In other than residential occupancies, means of egress, including exterior means of egress, stairways shall be illuminated at all times the building space served by the means of egress is occupied with not less than 1 footcandle (11 lux) at floors, landings and treads.

**402.3 Other spaces.** All other spaces shall be provided with natural or artificial light sufficient to permit the maintenance of sanitary conditions, and the safe *occupancy* of the space and utilization of the appliances, equipment and fixtures.

### SECTION 403 VENTILATION

**403.1 Habitable spaces.** Every *habitable space* shall have not less than one openable window. The total openable area of the window in every room shall be equal to not less than 45 percent of the minimum glazed area required in Section 402.1.

**Exception:** Where rooms and spaces without openings to the outdoors are ventilated through an adjoining room, the unobstructed opening to the adjoining room shall be not less than 8 percent of the floor area of the interior room or space, but not less than 25 square feet (2.33 m<sup>2</sup>). The *ventilation* openings to the outdoors shall be based on a total floor area being ventilated.

**403.2 Bathrooms and toilet rooms.** Every *bathroom* and *toilet room* shall comply with the *ventilation* requirements for *habitable spaces* as required by Section 403.1, except that a window shall not be required in such spaces equipped with a mechanical *ventilation* system. Air exhausted by a mechanical *ventilation* system from a *bathroom* or *toilet room* shall discharge to the outdoors and shall not be recirculated.

**403.3 Cooking facilities.** Unless *approved* through the certificate of *occupancy*, cooking shall not be permitted in any *rooming unit* or dormitory unit, and a cooking facility or appliance shall not be permitted to be present in the *rooming unit* or dormitory unit.

#### Exceptions:

1. Where specifically *approved* in writing by the *code official*.
2. Devices such as coffee pots and microwave ovens shall not be considered cooking appliances.

**403.4 Process ventilation.** Where injurious, toxic, irritating or noxious fumes, gases, dusts or mists are generated, a local exhaust *ventilation* system shall be provided to remove the contaminating agent at the source. Air shall be exhausted to the exterior and not be recirculated to any space.

**403.5 Clothes dryer exhaust.** Clothes dryer exhaust systems shall be independent of all other systems and shall be exhausted outside the structure in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**Exception:** Listed and *labeled* condensing (ductless) clothes dryers.

### SECTION 404 OCCUPANCY LIMITATIONS

**404.1 Privacy.** *Dwelling units*, hotel units, *housekeeping units*, *rooming units* and dormitory units shall be arranged to provide privacy and be separate from other adjoining spaces.

**404.2 Minimum room widths.** A habitable room, other than a kitchen, shall be not less than 7 feet (2134 mm) in any plan dimension. Kitchens shall have a minimum clear passageway of 3 feet (914 mm) between counterfronts and appliances or counterfronts and walls.

**404.3 Minimum ceiling heights.** *Habitable spaces*, hallways, corridors, laundry areas, *bathrooms*, *toilet rooms* and habitable *basement* areas shall have a minimum clear ceiling height of 7 feet (2134 mm).

**Exceptions:**

1. In one- and two-family dwellings, beams or girders spaced not less than 4 feet (1219 mm) on center and projecting a maximum of 6 inches (152 mm) below the required ceiling height.
2. *Basement* rooms in one- and two-family dwellings occupied exclusively for laundry, study or recreation purposes, having a minimum ceiling height of 6 feet 8 inches (2033 mm) with a minimum clear height of 6 feet 4 inches (1932 mm) under beams, girders, ducts and similar obstructions.
3. Rooms occupied exclusively for sleeping, study or similar purposes and having a sloped ceiling over all or part of the room, with a minimum clear ceiling height of 7 feet (2134 mm) over not less than one-third of the required minimum floor area. In calculating the floor area of such rooms, only those portions of the floor area with a minimum clear ceiling height of 5 feet (1524 mm) shall be included.

**404.4 Bedroom and living room requirements.** Every *bedroom* and living room shall comply with the requirements of Sections 404.4.1 through 404.4.5.

**404.4.1 Room area.** Every living room shall contain not less than 120 square feet (11.2 m<sup>2</sup>) and every bedroom shall contain not less than 70 square feet (6.5 m<sup>2</sup>) and every bedroom occupied by more than one person shall contain not less than 50 square feet (4.6 m<sup>2</sup>) of floor area for each occupant thereof.

**404.4.2 Access from bedrooms.** *Bedrooms* shall not constitute the only means of access to other *bedrooms* or *habitable spaces* and shall not serve as the only means of egress from other *habitable spaces*.

**Exception:** Units that contain fewer than two *bedrooms*.

**404.4.3 Water closet accessibility.** Every *bedroom* shall have access to not less than one water closet and one lavatory without passing through another *bedroom*. Every *bedroom* in a *dwelling unit* shall have access to not less than one water closet and lavatory located in the same story as the *bedroom* or an adjacent story.

**404.4.4 Prohibited occupancy.** Kitchens and nonhabitable spaces shall not be used for sleeping purposes.

**404.4.5 Other requirements.** *Bedrooms* shall comply with the applicable provisions of this code including, but not limited to, the light, *ventilation*, room area, ceiling height and room width requirements of this chapter; the plumbing facilities and water-heating facilities require-

ments of Chapter 5; the heating facilities and electrical receptacle requirements of Chapter 6; and the smoke detector and emergency escape requirements of Chapter 7.

**404.5 Overcrowding.** Dwelling units shall not be occupied by more occupants than permitted by the minimum area requirements of Table 404.5.

**TABLE 404.5**  
**MINIMUM AREA REQUIREMENTS**

SPACE	MINIMUM AREA IN SQUARE FEET		
	1-2 occupants	3-5 occupants	6 or more occupants
Living room <sup>a, b</sup>	120	120	150
Dining room <sup>a, b</sup>	No requirement	80	100
Bedrooms	Shall comply with Section 404.4.1		

For SI: 1 square foot = 0.0929 m<sup>2</sup>.

a. See Section 404.5.2 for combined living room/dining room spaces.

b. See Section 404.5.1 for limitations on determining the minimum occupancy area for sleeping purposes.

**404.5.1 Sleeping area.** The minimum occupancy area required by Table 404.5 shall not be included as a sleeping area in determining the minimum occupancy area for sleeping purposes. Sleeping areas shall comply with Section 404.4.

**404.5.2 Combined spaces.** Combined living room and dining room spaces shall comply with the requirements of Table 404.5 if the total area is equal to that required for separate rooms and if the space is located so as to function as a combination living room/dining room.

**404.6 Efficiency unit.** Nothing in this section shall prohibit an efficiency living unit from meeting the following requirements:

1. A unit occupied by not more than one occupant shall have a minimum clear floor area of 120 square feet (11.2 m<sup>2</sup>). A unit occupied by not more than two *occupants* shall have a minimum clear floor area of 220 square feet (20.4 m<sup>2</sup>). A unit occupied by three *occupants* shall have a minimum clear floor area of 320 square feet (29.7 m<sup>2</sup>). These required areas shall be exclusive of the areas required by Items 2 and 3.
2. The unit shall be provided with a kitchen sink, cooking appliance and refrigeration facilities, each having a minimum clear working space of 30 inches (762 mm) in front. Light and *ventilation* conforming to this code shall be provided.
3. The unit shall be provided with a separate *bathroom* containing a water closet, lavatory and bathtub or shower.
4. The maximum number of *occupants* shall be three.

**404.7 Food preparation.** All spaces to be occupied for food preparation purposes shall contain suitable space and equipment to store, prepare and serve foods in a sanitary manner. There shall be adequate facilities and services for the sanitary disposal of food wastes and refuse, including facilities for temporary storage.

## CHAPTER 5

# PLUMBING FACILITIES AND FIXTURE REQUIREMENTS

### SECTION 501 GENERAL

**501.1 Scope.** The provisions of this chapter shall govern the minimum plumbing systems, facilities and plumbing fixtures to be provided.

**501.2 Responsibility.** The *owner* of the structure shall provide and maintain such plumbing facilities and plumbing fixtures in compliance with these requirements. A person shall not occupy as *owner-occupant* or permit another person to occupy any structure or *premises* that does not comply with the requirements of this chapter.

### SECTION 502 REQUIRED FACILITIES

**[P] 502.1 Dwelling units.** Every *dwelling unit* shall contain its own bathtub or shower, lavatory, water closet and kitchen sink that shall be maintained in a sanitary, safe working condition. The lavatory shall be placed in the same room as the water closet or located in close proximity to the door leading directly into the room in which such water closet is located. A kitchen sink shall not be used as a substitute for the required lavatory.

**[P] 502.2 Rooming houses.** Not less than one water closet, lavatory and bathtub or shower shall be supplied for each four *rooming units*.

**[P] 502.3 Hotels.** Where private water closets, lavatories and baths are not provided, one water closet, one lavatory and one bathtub or shower having access from a public hallway shall be provided for each 10 *occupants*.

**[P] 502.4 Employees' facilities.** Not less than one water closet, one lavatory and one drinking facility shall be available to employees.

**[P] 502.4.1 Drinking facilities.** Drinking facilities shall be a drinking fountain, water cooler, bottled water cooler or disposable cups next to a sink or water dispenser. Drinking facilities shall not be located in *toilet rooms* or *bathrooms*.

**[P] 502.5 Public toilet facilities.** Public toilet facilities shall be maintained in a safe, sanitary and working condition in accordance with the *International Plumbing Code*. Except for periodic maintenance or cleaning, public access and use shall be provided to the toilet facilities at all times during *occupancy* of the *premises*.

### SECTION 503 TOILET ROOMS

**[P] 503.1 Privacy.** *Toilet rooms* and *bathrooms* shall provide privacy and shall not constitute the only passageway to a hall or other space, or to the exterior. A door and interior locking

device shall be provided for all common or shared *bathrooms* and *toilet rooms* in a multiple dwelling.

**[P] 503.2 Location.** *Toilet rooms* and *bathrooms* serving hotel units, *rooming units* or dormitory units or *housekeeping units*, shall have access by traversing not more than one flight of stairs and shall have access from a common hall or passageway.

**[P] 503.3 Location of employee toilet facilities.** Toilet facilities shall have access from within the employees' working area. The required toilet facilities shall be located not more than one story above or below the employees' working area and the path of travel to such facilities shall not exceed a distance of 500 feet (152 m). Employee facilities shall either be separate facilities or combined employee and public facilities.

**Exception:** Facilities that are required for employees in storage structures or kiosks, which are located in adjacent structures under the same ownership, lease or control, shall not exceed a travel distance of 500 feet (152 m) from the employees' regular working area to the facilities.

**[P] 503.4 Floor surface.** In other than *dwelling units*, every *toilet room* floor shall be maintained to be a smooth, hard, nonabsorbent surface to permit such floor to be easily kept in a clean and sanitary condition.

### SECTION 504 PLUMBING SYSTEMS AND FIXTURES

**[P] 504.1 General.** Plumbing fixtures shall be properly installed and maintained in working order, and shall be kept free from obstructions, leaks and defects and be capable of performing the function for which such plumbing fixtures are designed. Plumbing fixtures shall be maintained in a safe, sanitary and functional condition.

**[P] 504.2 Fixture clearances.** Plumbing fixtures shall have adequate clearances for usage and cleaning.

**[P] 504.3 Plumbing system hazards.** Where it is found that a plumbing system in a structure constitutes a hazard to the *occupants* or the structure by reason of inadequate service, inadequate venting, cross connection, backsiphonage, improper installation, *deterioration* or damage or for similar reasons, the *code official* shall require the defects to be corrected to eliminate the hazard.

### SECTION 505 WATER SYSTEM

**505.1 General.** Every sink, lavatory, bathtub or shower, drinking fountain, water closet or other plumbing fixture shall be properly connected to either a public water system or to an *approved* private water system. Kitchen sinks, lavatories, laundry facilities, bathtubs and showers shall be supplied



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with hot or tempered and cold running water in accordance with the *International Plumbing Code*.

**[P] 505.2 Contamination.** The water supply shall be maintained free from contamination, and all water inlets for plumbing fixtures shall be located above the flood-level rim of the fixture. Shampoo basin faucets, janitor sink faucets and other hose bibs or faucets to which hoses are attached and left in place, shall be protected by an approved atmospheric-type vacuum breaker or an approved permanently attached hose connection vacuum breaker.

**505.3 Supply.** The water supply system shall be installed and maintained to provide a supply of water to plumbing fixtures, devices and appurtenances in sufficient volume and at pressures adequate to enable the fixtures to function properly, safely, and free from defects and leaks.

**505.4 Water heating facilities.** Water heating facilities shall be properly installed, maintained and capable of providing an adequate amount of water to be drawn at every required sink, lavatory, bathtub, shower and laundry facility at a minimum temperature of 110°F (43°C). A gas-burning water heater shall not be located in any *bathroom, toilet room, bedroom* or other occupied room normally kept closed, unless adequate combustion air is provided. An *approved* combination temperature and pressure-relief valve and relief valve discharge pipe shall be properly installed and maintained on water heaters.

## SECTION 506 SANITARY DRAINAGE SYSTEM

**[P] 506.1 General.** Plumbing fixtures shall be properly connected to either a public sewer system or to an *approved* private sewage disposal system.

**[P] 506.2 Maintenance.** Every plumbing stack, vent, waste and sewer line shall function properly and be kept free from obstructions, leaks and defects.

**[P] 506.3 Grease interceptors.** Grease interceptors and automatic grease removal devices shall be maintained in accordance with this code and the manufacturer's installation instructions. Grease interceptors and automatic grease removal devices shall be regularly serviced and cleaned to prevent the discharge of oil, grease, and other substances harmful or hazardous to the building drainage system, the public sewer, the private sewage disposal system or the sewage treatment plant or processes. Records of maintenance, cleaning and repairs shall be available for inspection by the code official.

## SECTION 507 STORM DRAINAGE

**[P] 507.1 General.** Drainage of roofs and paved areas, *yards* and courts, and other open areas on the *premises* shall not be discharged in a manner that creates a public nuisance.

## CHAPTER 6

# MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS

### SECTION 601 GENERAL

**601.1 Scope.** The provisions of this chapter shall govern the minimum mechanical and electrical facilities and equipment to be provided.

**601.2 Responsibility.** The *owner* of the structure shall provide and maintain mechanical and electrical facilities and equipment in compliance with these requirements. A person shall not occupy as *owner-occupant* or permit another person to occupy any *premises* that does not comply with the requirements of this chapter.

### SECTION 602 HEATING FACILITIES

**602.1 Facilities required.** Heating facilities shall be provided in structures as required by this section.

**602.2 Residential occupancies.** Dwellings shall be provided with heating facilities capable of maintaining a room temperature of 68°F (20°C) in all habitable rooms, *bathrooms* and *toilet rooms* based on the winter outdoor design temperature for the locality indicated in Appendix D of the *International Plumbing Code*. Cooking appliances shall not be used, nor shall portable unvented fuel-burning space heaters be used, as a means to provide required heating.

**Exception:** In areas where the average monthly temperature is above 30°F (-1°C), a minimum temperature of 65°F (18°C) shall be maintained.

**602.3 Heat supply.** Every *owner* and *operator* of any building who rents, leases or lets one or more *dwelling units* or *sleeping units* on terms, either expressed or implied, to furnish heat to the *occupants* thereof shall supply heat during the period from [DATE] to [DATE] to maintain a minimum temperature of 68°F (20°C) in all habitable rooms, *bathrooms* and *toilet rooms*.

#### Exceptions:

1. When the outdoor temperature is below the winter outdoor design temperature for the locality, maintenance of the minimum room temperature shall not be required provided that the heating system is operating at its full design capacity. The winter outdoor design temperature for the locality shall be as indicated in Appendix D of the *International Plumbing Code*.
2. In areas where the average monthly temperature is above 30°F (-1°C), a minimum temperature of 65°F (18°C) shall be maintained.

**602.4 Occupiable work spaces.** Indoor occupiable work spaces shall be supplied with heat during the period from [DATE] to [DATE] to maintain a minimum temperature of 65°F (18°C) during the period the spaces are occupied.

#### Exceptions:

1. Processing, storage and operation areas that require cooling or special temperature conditions.
2. Areas in which persons are primarily engaged in vigorous physical activities.

**602.5 Room temperature measurement.** The required room temperatures shall be measured 3 feet (914 mm) above the floor near the center of the room and 2 feet (610 mm) inward from the center of each exterior wall.

### SECTION 603 MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT

**603.1 Mechanical appliances.** Mechanical appliances, fireplaces, solid fuel-burning appliances, cooking appliances and water heating appliances shall be properly installed and maintained in a safe working condition, and shall be capable of performing the intended function.

**603.2 Removal of combustion products.** Fuel-burning equipment and appliances shall be connected to an *approved* chimney or vent.

**Exception:** Fuel-burning equipment and appliances that are *labeled* for unvented operation.

**603.3 Clearances.** Required clearances to combustible materials shall be maintained.

**603.4 Safety controls.** Safety controls for fuel-burning equipment shall be maintained in effective operation.

**603.5 Combustion air.** A supply of air for complete combustion of the fuel and for *ventilation* of the space containing the fuel-burning equipment shall be provided for the fuel-burning equipment.

**603.6 Energy conservation devices.** Devices intended to reduce fuel consumption by attachment to a fuel-burning appliance, to the fuel supply line thereto, or to the vent outlet or vent piping therefrom, shall not be installed unless *labeled* for such purpose and the installation is specifically *approved*.

### SECTION 604 ELECTRICAL FACILITIES

**604.1 Facilities required.** Every occupied building shall be provided with an electrical system in compliance with the requirements of this section and Section 605.

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**604.2 Service.** The size and usage of appliances and equipment shall serve as a basis for determining the need for additional facilities in accordance with NFPA 70. *Dwelling units* shall be served by a three-wire, 120/240 volt, single-phase electrical service having a minimum rating of 60 amperes.

**604.3 Electrical system hazards.** Where it is found that the electrical system in a structure constitutes a hazard to the *occupants* or the structure by reason of inadequate service, improper fusing, insufficient receptacle and lighting outlets, improper wiring or installation, *deterioration* or damage, or for similar reasons, the *code official* shall require the defects to be corrected to eliminate the hazard.

**604.3.1 Abatement of electrical hazards associated with water exposure.** The provisions of this section shall govern the repair and replacement of electrical systems and equipment that have been exposed to water.

**604.3.1.1 Electrical equipment.** Electrical distribution equipment, motor circuits, power equipment, transformers, wire, cable, flexible cords, wiring devices, ground fault circuit interrupters, surge protectors, molded case circuit breakers, low-voltage fuses, luminaires, ballasts, motors and electronic control, signaling and communication equipment that have been exposed to water shall be replaced in accordance with the provisions of the *International Building Code*.

**Exception:** The following equipment shall be allowed to be repaired where an inspection report from the equipment manufacturer or *approved* manufacturer's representative indicates that the equipment has not sustained damage that requires replacement:

1. Enclosed switches, rated a maximum of 600 volts or less;
2. Busway, rated a maximum of 600 volts;
3. Panelboards, rated a maximum of 600 volts;
4. Switchboards, rated a maximum of 600 volts;
5. Fire pump controllers, rated a maximum of 600 volts;
6. Manual and magnetic motor controllers;
7. Motor control centers;
8. Alternating current high-voltage circuit breakers;
9. Low-voltage power circuit breakers;
10. Protective relays, meters and current transformers;
11. Low- and medium-voltage switchgear;
12. Liquid-filled transformers;
13. Cast-resin transformers;
14. Wire or cable that is suitable for wet locations and whose ends have not been exposed to water;

15. Wire or cable, not containing fillers, that is suitable for wet locations and whose ends have not been exposed to water;
16. Luminaires that are listed as submersible;
17. Motors;
18. Electronic control, signaling and communication equipment.

**604.3.2 Abatement of electrical hazards associated with fire exposure.** The provisions of this section shall govern the repair and replacement of electrical systems and equipment that have been exposed to fire.

**604.3.2.1 Electrical equipment.** Electrical switches, receptacles and fixtures, including furnace, water heating, security system and power distribution circuits, that have been exposed to fire, shall be replaced in accordance with the provisions of the *International Building Code*.

**Exception:** Electrical switches, receptacles and fixtures that shall be allowed to be repaired where an inspection report from the equipment manufacturer or *approved* manufacturer's representative indicates that the equipment has not sustained damage that requires replacement.

## SECTION 605 ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

**605.1 Installation.** Electrical equipment, wiring and appliances shall be properly installed and maintained in a safe and *approved* manner.

**605.2 Receptacles.** Every *habitable space* in a dwelling shall contain not less than two separate and remote receptacle outlets. Every laundry area shall contain not less than one grounding-type receptacle or a receptacle with a ground fault circuit interrupter. Every *bathroom* shall contain not less than one receptacle. Any new *bathroom* receptacle outlet shall have ground fault circuit interrupter protection. All receptacle outlets shall have the appropriate faceplate cover for the location.

**605.3 Luminaires.** Every public hall, interior stairway, *toilet room*, kitchen, *bathroom*, laundry room, boiler room and furnace room shall contain not less than one electric luminaire. Pool and spa luminaires over 15 V shall have ground fault circuit interrupter protection.

**605.4 Wiring.** Flexible cords shall not be used for permanent wiring, or for running through doors, windows, or cabinets, or concealed within walls, floors, or ceilings.

## SECTION 606 ELEVATORS, ESCALATORS AND DUMBWAITERS

**606.1 General.** Elevators, dumbwaiters and escalators shall be maintained in compliance with ASME A17.1. The most current certificate of inspection shall be on display at all times within the elevator or attached to the escalator or dumb-

waiter, be available for public inspection in the office of the building *operator* or be posted in a publicly conspicuous location *approved* by the *code official*. The inspection and tests shall be performed at not less than the periodic intervals listed in ASME A17.1, Appendix N, except where otherwise specified by the authority having jurisdiction.

**606.2 Elevators.** In buildings equipped with passenger elevators, not less than one elevator shall be maintained in operation at all times when the building is occupied.

**Exception:** Buildings equipped with only one elevator shall be permitted to have the elevator temporarily out of service for testing or servicing.

## SECTION 607 DUCT SYSTEMS

**607.1 General.** Duct systems shall be maintained free of obstructions and shall be capable of performing the required function.





## CHAPTER 7

# FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

### SECTION 701 GENERAL

**701.1 Scope.** The provisions of this chapter shall govern the minimum conditions and standards for fire safety relating to structures and exterior *premises*, including fire safety facilities and equipment to be provided.

**701.2 Responsibility.** The *owner* of the *premises* shall provide and maintain such fire safety facilities and equipment in compliance with these requirements. A person shall not occupy as *owner-occupant* or permit another person to occupy any *premises* that do not comply with the requirements of this chapter.

### SECTION 702 MEANS OF EGRESS

**[F] 702.1 General.** A safe, continuous and unobstructed path of travel shall be provided from any point in a building or structure to the *public way*. Means of egress shall comply with the *International Fire Code*.

**[F] 702.2 Aisles.** The required width of aisles in accordance with the *International Fire Code* shall be unobstructed.

**[F] 702.3 Locked doors.** Means of egress doors shall be readily openable from the side from which egress is to be made without the need for keys, special knowledge or effort, except where the door hardware conforms to that permitted by the *International Building Code*.

**[F] 702.4 Emergency escape openings.** Required emergency escape openings shall be maintained in accordance with the code in effect at the time of construction, and the following. Required emergency escape and rescue openings shall be operational from the inside of the room without the use of keys or tools. Bars, grilles, grates or similar devices are permitted to be placed over emergency escape and rescue openings provided the minimum net clear opening size complies with the code that was in effect at the time of construction and such devices shall be releasable or removable from the inside without the use of a key, tool or force greater than that which is required for normal operation of the escape and rescue opening.

### SECTION 703 FIRE-RESISTANCE RATINGS

**[F] 703.1 Fire-resistance-rated assemblies.** The required fire-resistance rating of fire-resistance-rated walls, fire stops, shaft enclosures, partitions and floors shall be maintained.

**[F] 703.2 Opening protectives.** Required opening protectives shall be maintained in an operative condition. Fire and smokestop doors shall be maintained in operable condition. Fire doors and smoke barrier doors shall not be blocked or obstructed or otherwise made inoperable.

### SECTION 704 FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS

**[F] 704.1 General.** Systems, devices and equipment to detect a fire, actuate an alarm, or suppress or control a fire or any combination thereof shall be maintained in an operable condition at all times in accordance with the *International Fire Code*.

**[F] 704.1.1 Automatic sprinkler systems.** Inspection, testing and maintenance of automatic sprinkler systems shall be in accordance with NFPA 25.

**[F] 704.1.2 Fire department connection.** Where the fire department connection is not visible to approaching fire apparatus, the fire department connection shall be indicated by an *approved* sign mounted on the street front or on the side of the building. Such sign shall have the letters "FDC" not less than 6 inches (152 mm) high and words in letters not less than 2 inches (51 mm) high or an arrow to indicate the location. Such signs shall be subject to the approval of the fire code official.

**[F] 704.2 Single- and multiple-station smoke alarms.** Single- and multiple-station smoke alarms shall be installed in existing Group I-1 and R occupancies in accordance with Sections 704.2.1 through 704.2.3.

**[F] 704.2.1 Where required.** Existing Group I-1 and R occupancies shall be provided with single-station smoke alarms in accordance with Sections 704.2.1.1 through 704.2.1.4. Interconnection and power sources shall be in accordance with Sections 704.2.2 and 704.2.3.

#### Exceptions:

1. Where the code that was in effect at the time of construction required smoke alarms and smoke alarms complying with those requirements are already provided.
2. Where smoke alarms have been installed in occupancies and dwellings that were not required to have them at the time of construction, additional smoke alarms shall not be required provided that the existing smoke alarms comply with requirements that were in effect at the time of installation.
3. Where smoke detectors connected to a fire alarm system have been installed as a substitute for smoke alarms.

**[F] 704.2.1.1 Group R-1.** Single- or multiple-station smoke alarms shall be installed in all of the following locations in Group R-1:

1. In sleeping areas.
2. In every room in the path of the *means of egress* from the sleeping area to the door leading from the *sleeping unit*.

3. In each story within the *sleeping unit*, including basements. For *sleeping units* with split levels and without an intervening door between the adjacent levels, a smoke alarm installed on the upper level shall suffice for the adjacent lower level provided that the lower level is less than one full story below the upper level.

**[F] 704.2.1.2 Groups R-2, R-3, R-4 and I-1.** Single- or multiple-station smoke alarms shall be installed and maintained in Groups R-2, R-3, R-4 and I-1 regardless of *occupant load* at all of the following locations:

1. On the ceiling or wall outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of bedrooms.
2. In each room used for sleeping purposes.
3. In each story within a *dwelling unit*, including basements but not including crawl spaces and uninhabitable attics. In *dwellings* or *dwelling units* with split levels and without an intervening door between the adjacent levels, a smoke alarm installed on the upper level shall suffice for the adjacent lower level provided that the lower level is less than one full story below the upper level.

**[F] 704.2.1.3 Installation near cooking appliances.** Smoke alarms shall not be installed in the following locations unless this would prevent placement of a smoke alarm in a location required by Section 704.2.1.1 or 704.2.1.2.

1. Ionization smoke alarms shall not be installed less than 20 feet (6096 mm) horizontally from a permanently installed cooking appliance.
2. Ionization smoke alarms with an alarm-silencing switch shall not be installed less than 10 feet (3048 mm) horizontally from a permanently installed cooking appliance.
3. Photoelectric smoke alarms shall not be installed less than 6 feet (1829 mm) horizontally from a permanently installed cooking appliance.

**[F] 704.2.1.4 Installation near bathrooms.** Smoke alarms shall be installed not less than 3 feet (914 mm) horizontally from the door or opening of a bathroom that contains a bathtub or shower unless this would prevent placement of a smoke alarm required by Section 704.2.1.1 or 704.2.1.2.

**[F] 704.2.2 Interconnection.** Where more than one smoke alarm is required to be installed within an individual *dwelling* or *sleeping unit*, the smoke alarms shall be interconnected in such a manner that the activation of one alarm will activate all of the alarms in the individual unit. Physical interconnection of smoke alarms shall not be required where listed wireless alarms are installed and all alarms sound upon activation of one alarm. The alarm shall be clearly audible in all bedrooms over background noise levels with all intervening doors closed.

#### Exceptions:

1. Interconnection is not required in buildings that are not undergoing *alterations*, repairs or construction of any kind.

2. Smoke alarms in existing areas are not required to be interconnected where *alterations* or repairs do not result in the removal of interior wall or ceiling finishes exposing the structure, unless there is an attic, crawl space or basement available that could provide access for interconnection without the removal of interior finishes.

**[F] 704.2.3 Power source.** Single-station smoke alarms shall receive their primary power from the building wiring provided that such wiring is served from a commercial source and shall be equipped with a battery backup. Smoke alarms with integral strobes that are not equipped with battery backup shall be connected to an emergency electrical system. Smoke alarms shall emit a signal when the batteries are low. Wiring shall be permanent and without a disconnecting switch other than as required for over-current protection.

#### Exceptions:

1. Smoke alarms are permitted to be solely battery operated in existing buildings where no construction is taking place.
2. Smoke alarms are permitted to be solely battery operated in buildings that are not served from a commercial power source.
3. Smoke alarms are permitted to be solely battery operated in existing areas of buildings undergoing *alterations* or repairs that do not result in the removal of interior walls or ceiling finishes exposing the structure, unless there is an attic, crawl space or *basement* available that could provide access for building wiring without the removal of interior finishes.

**[F] 704.2.4 Smoke detection system.** Smoke detectors listed in accordance with UL 268 and provided as part of the building's fire alarm system shall be an acceptable alternative to single- and multiple-station smoke alarms and shall comply with the following:

1. The fire alarm system shall comply with all applicable requirements in Section 907 of the *International Fire Code*.
2. Activation of a smoke detector in a *dwelling* or *sleeping unit* shall initiate alarm notification in the *dwelling* or *sleeping unit* in accordance with Section 907.5.2 of the *International Fire Code*.
3. Activation of a smoke detector in a *dwelling* or *sleeping unit* shall not activate alarm notification appliances outside of the *dwelling* or *sleeping unit*, provided that a supervisory signal is generated and monitored in accordance with Section 907.6.5 of the *International Fire Code*.

## CHAPTER 8

# REFERENCED STANDARDS

This chapter lists the standards that are referenced in various sections of this document. The standards are listed herein by the promulgating agency of the standard, the standard identification, the effective date and title and the section or sections of this document that reference the standard. The application of the referenced standards shall be as specified in Section 102.7.

## ASME

American Society of Mechanical Engineers  
Three Park Avenue  
New York, NY 10016-5990

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
ASME A17.1/CSA B44—2013	Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators . . . . .	606.1

## ASTM

ASTM International  
100 Barr Harbor Drive  
West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
F 1346—91 (2010)	Performance Specifications for Safety Covers and Labeling Requirements for All Covers for Swimming Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs . . . . .	303.2

## ICC

International Code Council  
500 New Jersey Avenue, NW  
6th Floor  
Washington, DC 20001

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
IBC—15	International Building Code® . . . . .	102.3, 201.3, 401.3, 702.3
IEBC—15	International Existing Building Code® . . . . .	305.1.1, 306.1.1
IFC—15	International Fire Code® . . . . .	201.3, 604.3.1.1, 604.3.2.1, 702.1, 702.2, 704.1, 704.2
IFGC—15	International Fuel Gas Code® . . . . .	102.3
IMC—15	International Mechanical Code® . . . . .	102.3, 201.3
IPC—15	International Plumbing Code® . . . . .	201.3, 505.1, 602.2, 602.3
IRC—15	International Residential Code® . . . . .	201.3
IZC—15	International Zoning Code® . . . . .	102.3, 201.3

## NFPA

National Fire Protection Association  
1 Batterymarch Park  
Quincy, MA 02269

Standard reference number	Title	Referenced in code section number
25—14	Standard for the Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems . . . . .	704.1.1
70—14	National Electrical Code . . . . .	102.4, 201.3, 604.2



## APPENDIX A

# BOARDING STANDARD

*The provisions contained in this appendix are not mandatory unless specifically referenced in the adopting ordinance.*

### A101 GENERAL

**A101.1 General.** Windows and doors shall be boarded in an *approved* manner to prevent entry by unauthorized persons and shall be painted to correspond to the color of the existing structure.

with screws and nails alternating every 6 inches (152 mm) on center.

**A103.5 Doors.** Doors shall be secured by the same method as for windows or door openings. One door to the structure shall be available for authorized entry and shall be secured and locked in an *approved* manner.

### A102 MATERIALS

**A102.1 Boarding sheet material.** Boarding sheet material shall be minimum  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch-thick (12.7 mm) wood structural panels complying with the *International Building Code*.

**A102.2 Boarding framing material.** Boarding framing material shall be minimum nominal 2-inch by 4-inch (51 mm by 102 mm) solid sawn lumber complying with the *International Building Code*.

**A102.3 Boarding fasteners.** Boarding fasteners shall be minimum  $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch-diameter (9.5 mm) carriage bolts of such a length as required to penetrate the assembly and as required to adequately attach the washers and nuts. Washers and nuts shall comply with the *International Building Code*.

### A104 REFERENCED STANDARD

IBC—12 International Building Code A102.1,  
A102.2, A102.3

### A103 INSTALLATION

**A103.1 Boarding installation.** The boarding installation shall be in accordance with Figures A103.1(1) and A103.1(2) and Sections A103.2 through A103.5.

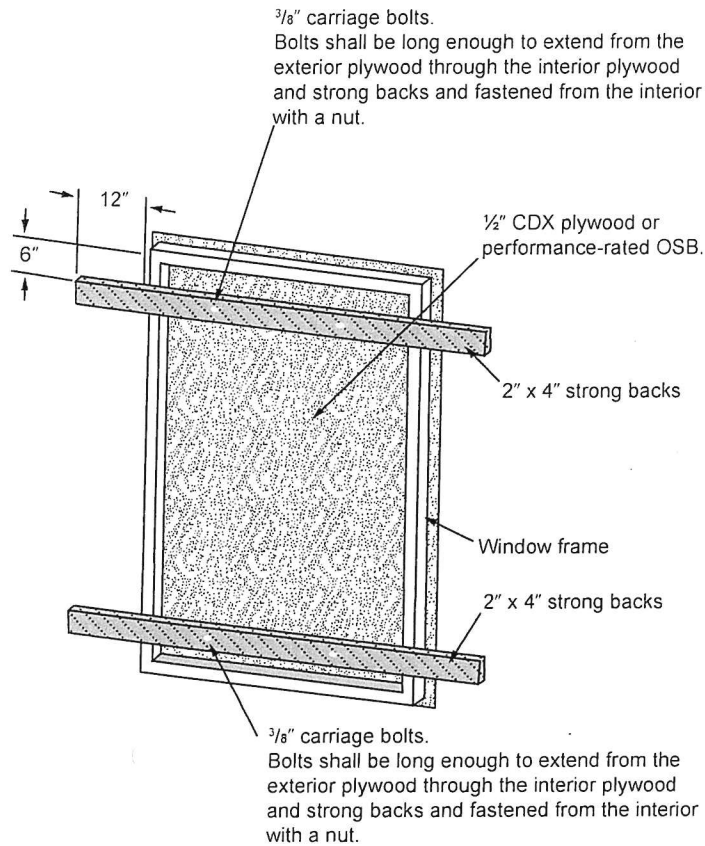
**A103.2 Boarding sheet material.** The boarding sheet material shall be cut to fit the door or window opening neatly or shall be cut to provide an equal overlap at the perimeter of the door or window.

**A103.3 Windows.** The window shall be opened to allow the carriage bolt to pass through or the window sash shall be removed and stored. The 2-inch by 4-inch (51 mm by 102 mm) strong back framing material shall be cut minimum 2 inches (51 mm) wider than the window opening and shall be placed on the inside of the window opening 6 inches (152 mm) minimum above the bottom and below the top of the window opening. The framing and boarding shall be pre-drilled. The assembly shall be aligned and the bolts, washers and nuts shall be installed and secured.

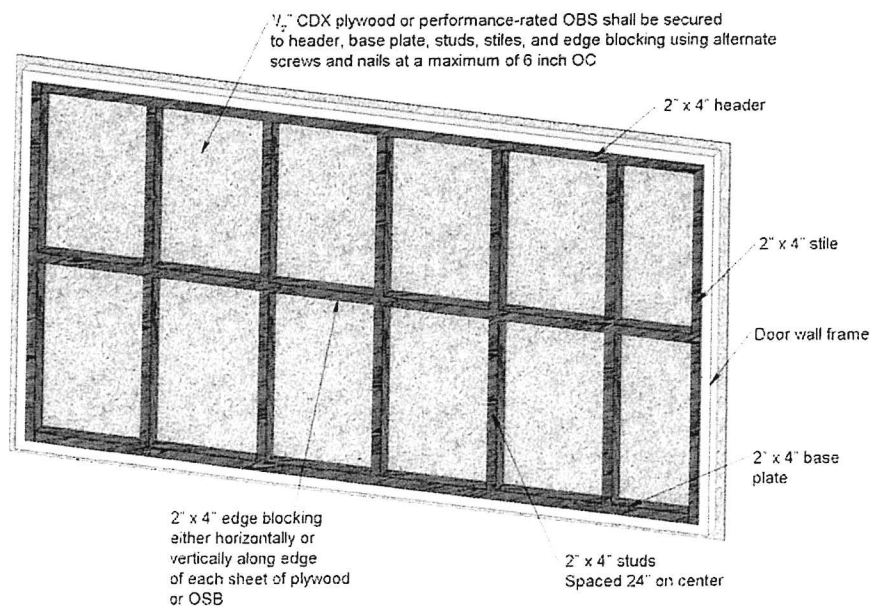
**A103.4 Door walls.** The door opening shall be framed with minimum 2-inch by 4-inch (51 mm by 102 mm) framing material secured at the entire perimeter and vertical members at a maximum of 24 inches (610 mm) on center. Blocking shall also be secured at a maximum of 48 inches (1219 mm) on center vertically. Boarding sheet material shall be secured



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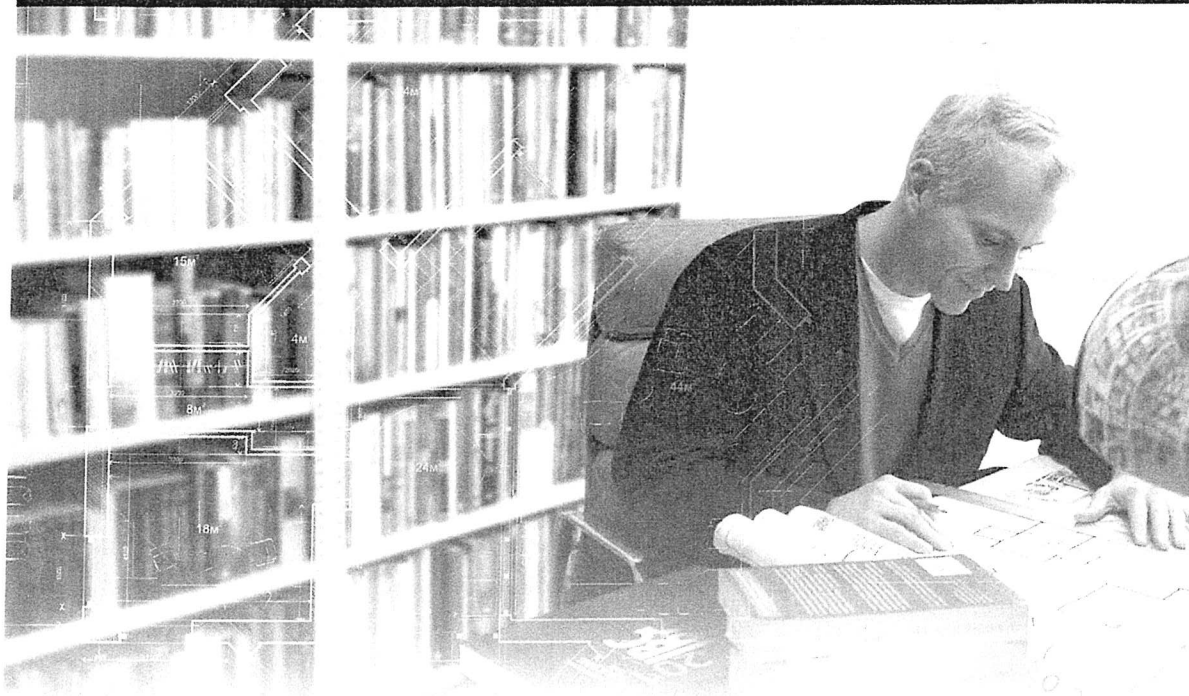


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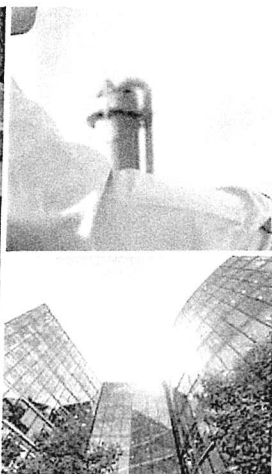
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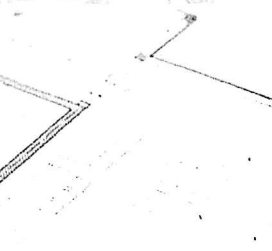
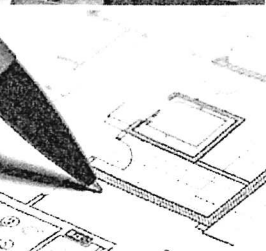
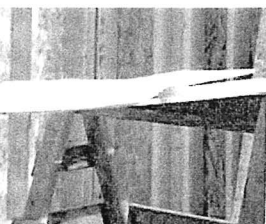
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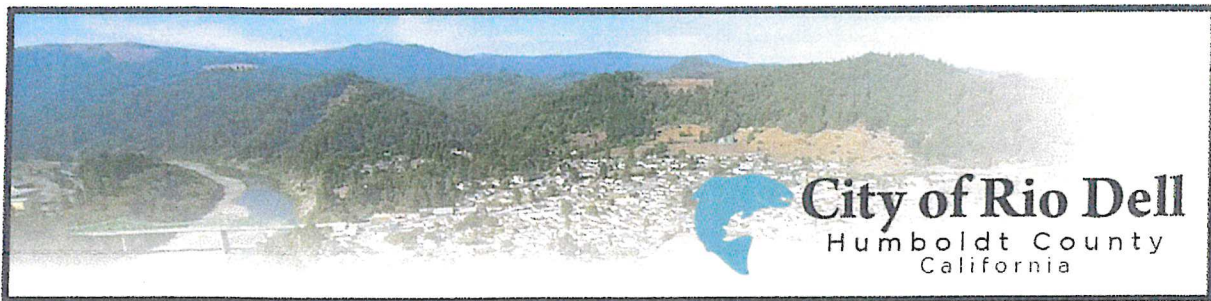
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Report Criteria:

Status	Priority	Violation Status	Assigned To	Violation	Property Type	CDBG Eligibility	Open Date Range	Follow up Date Range	Close Date Range	Initiation Type
All Open	All	All	All	All	All	All	From To	From To	From To	

Report Details

Case#	Case #	Status	Violation(s)	Priority	Street Number	Street Direction	Street Name	Street Type	Unit	Zip	APN	Initiation	Open Date	Follow Up Date	Assigned To
<a href="#">CE19-79</a>		Case Initiated	Excessive Vegetation - Open Solid Waste - Open	Medium	928		Bluff	Pl		95562	052-261-050-000	Citizen Initiated	08/06/2019		Conner, Jeff
<a href="#">CE19-78</a>		Case Initiated	Excessive Vegetation - Open Solid Waste - Open	Medium	1572		Wildwood	Ave		95562	052-091-010-000	Citizen Initiated	08/01/2019		Conner, Jeff
<a href="#">CE19-76</a>		Case Initiated	Excessive Vegetation - Open	Medium	430		Painter	St		95562	052-261-011-000	Citizen Initiated	06/11/2019		Conner, Jeff
<a href="#">CE19-73</a>		Notice of Violation Served	Violation of Commercial Cannabis Cultivation Land Use Regulations - Open Violation of 2016 California Building Code - Open	Medium	1150		Dinsmore Ranch	Rd		95562		Officer Initiated	06/17/2019	07/19/2019	Conner, Jeff
<a href="#">CE19-55</a>		Case Initiated	Excessive Vegetation - Open Solid Waste - Open	Medium	1550		Eeloa	Ave		95562	052-091-010-000	Citizen Initiated	06/11/2019		Conner, Jeff
<a href="#">CE19-53</a>		Notice to Correct Served	Solid Waste - Open	Medium	230		Ogle	Ave		95562	052-053-019-000	Citizen Initiated	05/23/2019	06/28/2019	Conner, Jeff
<a href="#">CE19-52</a>		Property Inspected	Violation of Short Term Rental Ordinance - Open	Low	210		Bellevue	Ave		95562		Citizen Initiated	05/19/2019	06/03/2019	Conner, Jeff
<a href="#">CE19-51</a>		Notice to Correct Served	Violation of Short Term Rental Ordinance - Open	Medium	174		Grayland Heights	Rd		95562		Citizen Initiated	05/19/2019	05/20/2019	Conner, Jeff
<a href="#">CE19-50</a>		Case Initiated	Violation of Short Term Rental Ordinance - Open	Medium	1199		Riverside	Dr		95562		Citizen Initiated	05/19/2019	06/03/2019	Conner, Jeff
<a href="#">CE19-49</a>		Notice to Correct Served	Violation of Short Term Rental Ordinance - Open	Low	90		Redwood	Ave		95562	053-212-012-000	Citizen Initiated	05/19/2019	09/10/2019	Conner, Jeff
<a href="#">CE19-48</a>		Notice to Correct Served	Violation of Short Term Rental Ordinance - Open	Low	1221		Riverside	Dr		95562	052-131-007-000	Officer Initiated	05/01/2019	06/20/2019	Conner, Jeff
<a href="#">CE19-47</a>		Notice of Violation Served	Solid Waste - Open Unsafe Structure - Open	Medium	215		Monument	Rd		95562	053-172-016-000	Officer Initiated	04/03/2019	08/16/2019	Conner, Jeff
				Medium	290		Willow	St		95562			02/21/2019	07/15/2019	

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CE19-46	Notice of Violation Served	Junk Vehicles - Open Violation of Commercial Cannabis Cultivation Land Use Regulations - Open Violation of 2016 California Building Code - Open							Officer Initiated		Conner, Jeff
CE19-44	Case Initiated	Violation of 2016 California Building Code - Open	Medium	229	Ogle	Ave	95562		Officer Initiated	11/27/2018	Conner, Jeff
CE18-43	Case Initiated	Excessive Vegetation - Open	Medium	235	Bellevue	Ave	95562	052-053-010	Officer Initiated	12/05/2018	Conner, Jeff
CE18-42	Case Initiated	Violation of 2016 California Building Code - Open	Medium	1110	Pacific	Ave	95562	052-211-005-000	Officer Initiated	11/21/2018 11/21/2018	Conner, Jeff
CE18-41	Case Initiated	Solid Waste - Open Solid Waste - Open	Medium	590	Gunnerson	Lane	95562	053-021-034-000	Citizen Initiated	10/31/2018	Conner, Jeff
CE18-40	Case Initiated	Solid Waste - Open Junk Vehicles - Open	Medium	508	4th	Ave	95562	053-073-003-000	Citizen Initiated	10/31/2018 04/17/2019	Conner, Jeff
CE18-35	Case Initiated	Substandard Housing - Open	Medium	192	Bellevue	Ave	95562	052-061-033-000	Citizen Initiated	08/27/2018	Conner, Jeff
CE18-33	Case Initiated	Public Nuisance - Open	Medium	925	Hilda	Ct	95562	052-242-007-000	Officer Initiated	08/09/2018	Conner, Jeff
CE18-32	Case Initiated	Solid Waste - Open	Medium	168	Ogle	Ave	95562	052-081-037-000	Officer Initiated	07/14/2018	Conner, Jeff
CE18-31	Case Initiated	Excessive Vegetation - Open	Medium	270	Monument	Rd	95562	053-133-010-000	Citizen Initiated	08/06/2018	Conner, Jeff
CE18-30	Case Initiated	Public Nuisance - Open	Medium	377	Cherry	Lane	95562	053-121-018-000	Citizen Initiated	08/06/2018	Conner, Jeff
CE18-29	Notice to Correct Served	Solid Waste - Open	Medium	65	Davis	St	95562	053-092-004-000	Officer Initiated	07/02/2018 05/29/2019	Conner, Jeff
CE18-24	Case Initiated	Solid Waste - Open	Medium	921	Hilda	Ct	95562	052-242-008-000	Officer Initiated	11/01/2017	Conner, Jeff
CE18-21	Case Initiated	Solid Waste - Open	Medium	540	1st	Ave	95562	053-095-017-000	Officer Initiated	09/05/2017	Conner, Jeff
CE18-20	Notice to Correct Served	Violation of Kennel Regulations - Open	Medium	1066	Riverside	Dr	95562	052-152-017-000	Officer Initiated	09/01/2017 08/18/2019	Conner, Jeff
CE18-19	Case Initiated	Violation of 2016 California Building Code - Open	Medium	310	1st	Ave	95562	053-152-017-000	Citizen Initiated	08/05/2017	Conner, Jeff
CE18-18	Notice to Correct Served	Excessive Vegetation - Open Unsecured Vacant Structure - Open	Medium	888	Rigby	Ave	95562	052-291-025	Officer Initiated	07/14/2017 05/29/2019	Conner, Jeff
CE18-17	Case Initiated	Solid Waste - Open Improper Parking - Open	High	250	Tolman	Rd	95562	052-072-019-000	Citizen Initiated	05/18/2017 08/01/2018	Conner, Jeff
CE18-16	Abatement Completed	Solid Waste - Open Junk	High	851	Rio Dell	Ave	95562	052-202-	Officer Initiated	04/24/2018 02/08/2019	Conner, Jeff

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Commercial  
Zone - Open  
Violation of  
Zoning Code  
for  
Industrial  
Commercial  
Zone - Open  
Violation of  
2016  
California  
Building  
Code - Open

<u>CE18-</u> <u>1</u>	Notice to Correct Served	Solid Waste - Open	Medium	260	Belleview	Ave	95562	Officer Initiated	03/06/2018	05/29/2019	Conner, Jeff
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